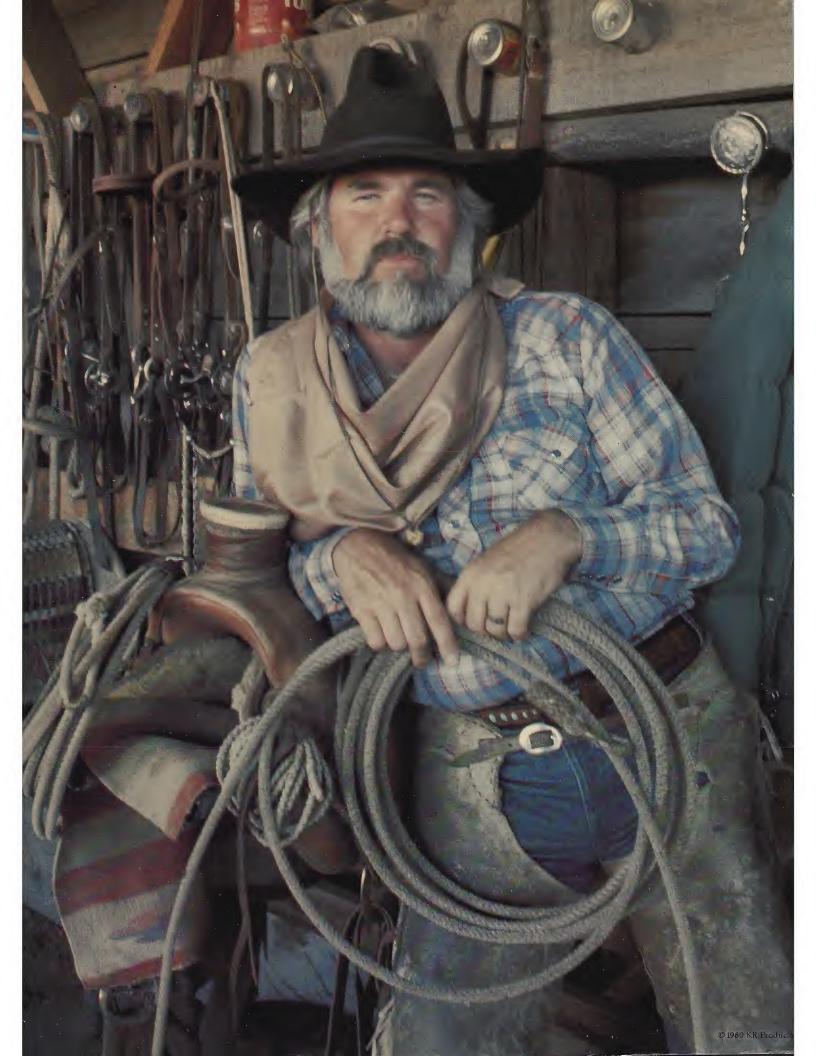




# THE SPECIAL FRIENDS OF KENNY ROGERS 8265 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90048







Kenny at age 17.

## THE BEGINNING:

A bit of mystery always hovers around success as huge and overwhelming as Kenny Rogers' has been. You can listen to a song or hear a voice and say, "Yes, that's good. I like that. It's a hit." But it takes more than good tunes and a fine voice to carve out a career like his. It takes something special, something beyond what's in the grooves, as they say in the music business, to give a man dozens of top ten singles, several platinum albums in a row, and millions of record sales around the world—not to mention the television specials, the TV movies, and a successful first theatrical motion picture. The something special about Kenny Rogers is the kind of person he is and the way his personality shines through all that he does. His talent as a singer, songwriter and

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musician is undeniable, but it is the uses to which he devotes his gifts that makes Kenny so extraordinary an entertainer. From the songs he chooses, to the charities he supports, Kenny echoes and reiterates the most admirable aspects of our history and culture: our optimism, our lack of pretention, our good will and our ability to work and to play hard and well.

Perhaps, the single most important aspect of Kenny Rogers' current success is that it took him over twenty years to achieve it. He is no overnight wonder. No one who works long and hard for something, and then achieves it, ever treats his success or the people who made it happen with anything other than gratitude and respect. Well, at least if you're Kenny Rogers you don't. His first professional job as a musician



Kenny with first singing group, The Scholars.

was with a group of four high school buddies who called themselves **THE SCHOLARS**, which was probably wishful thinking. They drove 340 miles in a 1956 Chevrolet to play two twenty minute shows at an Air Force base in San Antonio. For this first foray into the glamorous world of show business, Kenny walked away with \$13.00 in his pocket. He's come quite a ways since then.

In 1958, Kenny got his first tantalizing taste of real success. His brother, Lelan, who is now head of Kenny Rogers Productions, produced him singing a sentimental ballad called "THAT CRAZY FEELING," and suddenly "Kenneth Rogers," as it read on the label, had himself a million selling single and an appearance on "American Bandstand." It

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Kenny (on bass) with The New Christy Minstrels in 1966. Mike Settle (with banjo), Terry Williams (kneeling, with guitar); Peter Morse (to Terry's left) presently lighting designer for Kenny's tours. Kim Carnes is the blonde in the center.

was all very short-lived and not long after, Kenny was playing bass in Bobby Doyle's jazz trio, something he would do for the next six and one half years. In 1966, fortune's turning wheel brought another opportunity within reach in the form of an offer to join **THE NEW CHRISTY MINSTRELS**, a group who had achieved considerable success during the folk music boom of the early sixties (Do you remember Hootenannies?). This was his first experience with a nationally established group, and Kenny's first introduction to the business side of the music industry. (It's interesting to note that one of the women who sang in the nine member group was Kim Carnes, who later co-wrote Kenny's **GIDEON** LP; sang the hit duet, "Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer" with Kenny; and won a Grammy Award for Record of the Year in 1982 for her huge hit, "Bette Davis Eyes.")

As music styles evolved, the time came to move on and Kenny with three other members of the Minstrels—Mike Settle, Terry Williams and



The First Edition in 1969. Mickey Jones, left, Kenny, Kin Vassy (currently head of Kenny Rogers Publishing Division), Mary Arnold, Terry Williams (currently Director of Kenny's Lion Share Recording Studios).

Thelma Comacho—formed a pop/rock group they called **THE FIRST EDITION.** After adding drummer Mickey Jones, they began to play in clubs around Los Angeles and were seen one night by the manager of The Smothers Brothers, Ken Kragen. Kragen liked what he saw on stage and asked to manage the young group. They agreed, and within months they had their first big hit, "**JUST DROPPED IN**(To See What Condition My Condition Was In)." Although Kenny started out as one among equals, he slowly emerged to the forefront. As it happened, The First Edition had two singles out at the same time. Thinking that DJs would play both if they seemed to be by different artists, the band's record company changed the billing on "**RUBY, DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN**" to read **KENNY ROGERS AND THE FIRST EDITION.** It became a smash hit and established Kenny's voice on the airways and his name in the record industry.

Kenny found himself facing an uncertain future after The First Edition's break-up. For the first time since he'd joined the **BOBBY DOYLE TRIO** when he was nineteen, he was on his own. He'd had seventeen good years, but at age 38, a man begins to question his future in a business seemingly dominated by youth. In the two decades he had been playing music, he had worked in jazz, folk and rock. He returned to the first music he had heard at his fiddle-playing Daddy's knee: Country/Western.

## THE TRIUMPH:

With country on his mind, Kenny signed with United Artists Records (later to be bought by EMI and renamed Liberty), and began a collaboration with producer Larry Butler that would generate enough gold and platinum to fill Fort Knox. However, like all good things, Kenny's success took some time to mature. His first solo album, LOVE LIFTED ME, made a respectable showing ("Love Lifted Me" reached number nineteen on the country music charts), but he had to wait for the second single chosen from his next LP, KENNY ROGERS, to break his career wide open. That song was "LUCILLE" and it made Kenny Rogers a star. When you think of the hit records that have followed, it's hard to believe that it was only a few short years ago that his ballad of a woman who "picked a fine time to leave" was released. "Lucille" also set a precedent for Kenny's affection towards what he calls "story songs." Almost every album has one or two tunes that tell a fable, describe a drama, or teach a lesson. His stories have told of the follies of youth, the fickleness of love, and the retribution of fate. His characters are gamblers, music men, and cowards, women who have fallen and women who haven't. They are all a part of the American landscape, as indivisible from it as the Rocky Mountains or the Mississippi River. In these songs we find ourselves and our past, our faults as well as our virtues. Taken together, Kenny's story songs have painted a lovingly-shaded, finely etched portrait of the American character. The other great staple of Kenny Rogers' repertoire is the love song. The rough edge to his voice speaks to hearts often broken and sorely mended. He can whisper, plead, growl in pain, then at a turn, soar with the starburst wonder of it all. In his famous duets with Dolly Parton, Sheena Easton, Dottie West and Kim Carnes, he is the perfect partner and the perfect foil. By himself he can convince us as both the rejected suitor and the lover so enthralled he can hardly speak. From his classic rendition of Lionel Richie's "LADY," way back to "RUBY," Kenny Rogers has been able to project and describe what it is for a man to love and be loved in the modern world. Cliched sentimentalism is seen for what it is—a childish wish and an unobtainable ideal. His men and women are real flesh and blood: searching, perhaps imperfectly, for a few moments peace in an imperfect world. It is this edge of reality that makes the joy of a song like "Lady" so achingly compelling. Kenny Rogers is, for this generation, the troubadour of how grown men and women love each other.

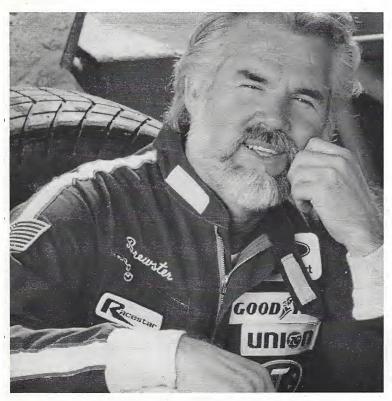
Since "Lucille," there has been barely a week during which Kenny has not had a song high on the pop and country charts, receiving heavy airplay on radio stations around the world. The albums and the hit singles culled from them come in regular succession. Each year, the list of awards he receives grows longer.

Kenny Rogers is a country singer who has moved beyond country

but never lost touch with it. In the same way that The Beatles transcended rock and roll, that Ray Charles transcended rhythm and blues, that Simon and Garfunkel transcended folk music, Kenny Rogers' music has expanded in both scope and popularity to encompass the widest possible range of influences and audiences. He has become an All-American classic with roots buried deep in our collective musical past, and wide branches to shade the present with the promise of years of pleasure yet to come.



In KENNY ROGERS AS THE GAMBLER, PART II: THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES, Bruce Boxleitner and Linda Evans joined Kenny in his highly-rated C.B.S. special.



Kenny as Brewster Baker, in the 20th Century Fox Film "SIX PACK."



Kenny's spectacular concert Tour Show.

## THE MAN AND HIS FUTURE:

From the earliest days of his success with The First Edition, Kenny Rogers has always extended himself and made time in his usually exhausting schedule for charity. For years he has supported the Cerebral Palsy Child Care Center in Sikeston, Missouri, having raised over a quarter of a million dollars for the facility. Kenny's love for athletics—he often travels with his personal tennis pro-has also been turned to philanthropic pursuits with many softball and basketball games organized for charity, as he travels around the country. He and his wife, Marianne, take particular interest in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the Dubnoff Center (for the treatment of underprivileged children with learning disabilities) and World Hunger, the cause so important to the late singer/songwriter/humanitarian Harry Chapin, an old friend of Kenny's who died tragically in an auto accident int 1981. In 1982, Kenny and Marianne began the World Hunger Awards by donating \$1,000,000 toward the eradication of world hunger. Each year since, they have hosted the Awards ceremony where they donate large cash awards amongst the members of the media whose significant contributions have enlightened the public's awareness of world hunger.

There's no way you can have a recording/performing career bigger than the one Kenny Rogers has built over the last few years. So, while continuing to work at it, he has expanded his activities into other media. First came three television specials—A SPECIAL KENNY ROGERS, KENNY ROGERS AND THE AMERICAN COWBOY, and KENNY ROGERS' AMERICA—followed by three tremendously successful and highly rated movies for TV, KENNY ROGERS AS THE GAMBLER, COWARD OF THE COUNTY, and KENNY ROGERS AS THE GAMBLER, PART II: THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES. 1982 also saw Kenny's debut in the theatrical motion picture, SIX PACK, which was released by 20th Century Fox and produced by Kenny's own Lion Share Productions. All this and a concert touring schedule of over a hundred dates a year that takes him all over the country and abroad.

The promise of Kenny's future is as bright and exciting as everything he has already achieved. There will, of course, always be more music. As his recent music testifies, his talent has grown richer, more complex, and more subtle with age, like the flavor of a bottle of fine wine. Moving to R.C.A. Records has broadened his mass appeal by releasing hits produced by Barry Gibb and other top producers. The next few years will see him taking his music to new places, expanding his geographical reach to encompass the world. His work to battle world hunger throughout the world continues.

Many, many other projects also promise future rewards. Kenny continues operation of his own ultra-modern recording facility in Los Angeles called Lion Share Recording Studios. The Kenny Rogers Western Collection, a high quality fashion line featuring men's and women's western clothing, has become very successful. But, of course, the most important part of his life is his family—his beautiful wife, Marianne and his adorable son, Christopher Cody.

In his music and his life, Kenny Rogers tries to reflect all that is best about America. When he sings, he taps the energy of our country's heartland. His songs speak to the spark of universal humanity in all of us. They rely on the time-proven values that have animated American greatness for two hundred years. It is his privilege to sing for you and he thanks you for the chance, and for the warmth and affection with which YOU have decorated his life.



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# **ALBUM BREAKDOWN**

### 6437—KENNY ROGERS AND THE FIRST EDITION'S GREATEST HITS:

Ruby, Don't Take your Love To Town/But You Know I Love You/Just Dropped In/Momma's Waiting/Heed The Call/Something's Burning/Reuben James/I Believe In Music/Love Woman/Tell It All Brother

### 2039—TRANSITIONS

Take My Hand/What Am I Gonna Do/All God's Lonely Children/Lay It Down/Tulsa Turnaround/Poem For My Lady/For The Good Times/Good Lady Of Toronto/Two Little Boys/Where Does Rosie Go

### 6476-THE BALLAD OF CALICO:

Sunrise Overture/Calico Silver/Write Me Down (Don't Forget My Name)/The Way It Used To Be/Madame De LII & Diabolical Biil/School Teacher/Road Agent/Sally Grey's Epitaph/Dorsey, the Mall-Carrying Dog/Harbor For My Soul/Calico Saturday Night/ Trigger-Happy Kid/Vachel Carling's Rubilator/Empty-Handed Compadres/One Lonely Room/Rockin' Chair Theme/Old Mojave Highway/Man Came Up From Town/Calico Silver (Reprise)

### **IOLLY ROGERS**

### 5001—BACK ROADS

Lady, Play Your Symphony/She Thinks I Still Care/Look Over The Hill/There's An Old Man In Our Town/My Sweet Lady/Today I Started Loving You Again/Tell Me Why/Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway/Indian Joe/(Do You Remember The) First Time

### 5003-MONUMENTAL

Lena Lookie/Something About Your Song/Building Condemned/Hoodooin' Of Miss Fanny DeBerry/The Ritual/Morgana Jones/42nd Street/Oregon/Whatcha Gonna Do/Gallop County Train

### 5004-ROLLIN':

Good Vibrations/The Long And Winding Road/Sylvia's Mother/Joe (Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desire)/Paperback Writer/Get Back/Border Song/I Need You/Coconut/Morning Has Broken

## UNITED ARTISTS:

### 607-LOVE LIFTED ME:

Love Lifted Me/Medly: Abraham, Martin And John—Precious Memories/I Would Like To See You Again/Runaway Girl/The World Needs A Melody/You Gotta Be Tired/Home-Made Love/While The Feeling's Good/Heavenly Sunshine/There's An Old Man In Our Town

### 689-KENNY ROGERS/LUCILLE:

Laura, (What's He Got That I Ain't Got)/I Wasn't Man Enough/Mother Country Music/ Why Don't We Go Somewhere And Love/Green Green Grass Of Home/Till I Get It Right/ Lucille/The Son Of Hickory Holler's Tramp/Lay Down Beside Me/Puttin' In Overtime At Home/While I Play The Fiddle

### 754—DAYTIME FRIENDS:

Daytime Friends/Desperado/Rock And Rol! Man/Lying Again/I'll Just Write My Music And Sing My Songs/My World Begins And Ends With You/Sweet Music Man/Am I Too Late/We Don't Make Love Anymore/Ghost Of A Man/Let Me Sing For You

### 835-TEN YEARS OF GOLD

Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town/Reuben James/But You Know I Love You/Something's Buming/Just Dropped In/Lucille/Daytime Friends/While The Feeling's Good/ Love Lifted Me/Today I Started Loving You Again

### 864-EVERY TIME TWO FOOLS COLLIDE:

Every Time Two Fools Collide/You And Me/What's Wrong With Us Today/Beautiful Lies/That's The Way It Could Have Been/Why Don't We Go Somewhere And Love/Baby, I'm-A Want You/Anyone Who Isn't Me Tonight/The Loving Clift/We Love Each Other

## 903-LOVE OR SOMETHING LIKE IT:

Love Or Something Like It/There's A Lot Of That Going Around/Buried Treasures/Something About Your Song/Momma's Waiting/We Could Have Been The Closest Of Friends/ I Could Be So Good For You/Sail Away/Even A Fool Would Let Go/Highway Flyer/ Starting Again

910—"CONVOY" (original motion picture soundtrack):

### 934—THE GAMBLER:

The Gambler/I Wish That I Could Hurt That Way Again/King Of Oak Street/Making Music For Money/The Hoodooin' Of Miss Fannie DeBerry/She Believes In Me/Tennessee Bottle/Sleep Tight, Goodnight Man/A Little More Like Me (The Crucificion)/San Francisco Mabel Joy/Morgana Jones

## 946—KENNY ROGERS AND DOTTIE WEST—CLASSICS:

All I Ever Need Is You/Till I Can Make It On My Own/Just The Way You Are/You Needed Me/(Hey Won't You Play)Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song/ Together Again/Midnight Flyer/You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'/Let's Take The Long Way Around The World/Let It Be Me

### 979-KENNY:

You Turn The Light On/You Decorated My Life/She's A Mystery/Goodbye Marie/Tulsa Turnaround/I want To Make You Smile/Santiago Midnight Moonlight/One Man's Woman/In And Out Of Your Heart/Old Folks/Coward Of The County

### 1035—GIDEON

Intro: Goin' Home To The Rock-Gideon Tanner/No Good Texas Rounder/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer/The Buckeroos/You Were A Good Friend/Call Me Up (The Phone Is In The Cradle)/These Chains/Somebody Help Me/One Place In The Night/Sayin' Goodbye/Requim: Goin' Home To The Rock

### LIBERTY:

### 1072-KENNY ROGERS' GREATEST HITS:

The Gambler/Lady/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer/Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town/She Believes In Me/Coward Of The County/Lucille/You Decorated My Life/ Reuben James/Love The World Away/Every Time Two Fools Collide/Long Arm Of The Law

### 1062-WILD WEST (Dottie West):

An unbilled (except on lower right side of jacket liner notes) duet with Dottie West on What Are We Doing In Love

### 1108-SHARE YOUR LOV

Blaze Of Clory/I Don't Need You/The Good Life/Makes Me Wonder If I Ever Said Goodbye/Share Your Love With Me/So in Love With You/Goin' Back To Alabama/ Without You in My Life/Grey Beard

## 5515-KENNY ROGERS CHRISTMAS:

Christmas Everyday/Kentucky Homemade Christmas/Carol of The Bells/Sweet Little Jesus Boy/Christmas Is My Favorite Time Of The Year/White Christmas/My Favorite Things/O'Holy Night/When A Child Is Bom

# 51124—LOVE WILL TURN YOU AROUND:

Love Will Turn you Around (Theme Song from film SIX PACK)/A Love Song/Fighting Fire With Fire/Maybe You Should Know/Somewhere Between Lovers and Friends/Take This Heart/If You Could Lie A Little Bit/I'll Take Care of You/The Fool in Me/I Want A Son

### 51143-WE'VE GOT TONIGHT:

We've Got Tonight/Scarlet Fever/Farther I Go/No Dreams/Bad Enough/All My Life/How Long/Love, Love, Love/What I Learned From Loving You/You Are So Beautiful

## LV-51152—KENNY ROGERS 20 GREATEST HITS:

Lucille/Lady/Love Lifted Me/We've Got Tonight/Scarlet Fever/Love Or Something Like It/She Believes In Me/Ruby/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer/You Were A Good Friend/The Gambler/Through The Years/Daytime Friends/You Decoreated My Life/Til I Can Make It On My Own/Reuben James/Coward of the County/ I Don't Need You/ Something's Burning/Love Will Turn You Around

# ${\color{blue} \textbf{L051154-KENNY ROGERS WITH KIM CARNES, SHEENA EASTON \& DOTTIE WEST:} \\$

We've Got Tonight w/Sheena Easton/Everytime Two Fools Collide w/Dottie West/(Hey, Won't You Play Another) Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song w/Dottie West/Til I Can Make It On My Own w/Dottie West/All I Ever Need Is You w/Dottie West/Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer w/Kim Carmes/Baby I'm A Want You w/Dottie West/Together Again w/Dottie West/Anyone Who Isn't Me Tonight w/Dottie West/That's The Way It Could Have Been w/Dottie West

### ELEKTRA:

90002—"URBAN COWBOY" (original motion picture soundtrack): Love The World Away

# LAKESHORE MUSIC (custom pressed by Warner Brothers):

# 2514—KENNY ROGERS AND THE FIRST EDITION:

Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town/But You Know I Love You/Always Leaving, Always Gone/Calico Silver/Just Dropped In/Tell It All Brother/Are My Thoughts With You/ Me And Bobby McGee/Sunshine/Reuben James/Something's Burning/We All Got To Help Each Other/The King Of Oak Street/She Even Woke Me To Say Goodbye/Poem For My Little Lady/Lay It Down/Take My Hand/For The Good Times/Someone Who Cares/ Heed The Call

### RCA:

## 4697—EYES THAT SEE IN THE DARK:

This Woman/You And I/Buried Treasure/Islands In The Stream (with Dolly Parton)/ Living With You/Evening Star/Hold Me/Midsummer Nights/I Will Always Love You/Eyes That See In The Dark



# **SINGLES**

CARLTON:	
454—That Crazy Feeling/We'll Always Have Each Other	(1958)
468—For You Alone/I've Got A Lot To Learn	(1958)
MERCURY:	
72545—Here's That Rainy Day/Take Life In Stride	(1966)
REPRISE: (As Kenny Rogers and the First Edition)	
0628—I Found A Reason/Ticket To Nowhere	(1967)
0655—Just Dropped In/Shadow In The Corner Of Your Mind (w/pic sleeve)	(1968)
0683—Dream On/Only Me	1968
0693—Look Around, I'll Be There/Charlie The Fer De Lance	(1968) (1969)
0799—But You Know I Love You/Home-Made Lies 0829—Ruby (Don't Take Your Love To Town)/Girl Get A Hold Of Yourself	(1969)
0854—Reuben James/Sunshine	(1969)
0888—Something's Burning/Momma's Waiting 0923—Tell It All Brother/Just Remember You're My Sunshine	(1970) (1970)
0953—Heed The Call/Stranger In My Place	(1970)
0999—Someone Who Cares/Mission Of San Nohero	(1971) (1971)
1018—Take My Hand/ 1053—Where Does Rosie Go/What Am I Gonna Do	(1971)
1069—School Teacher/Trigger Happy Kid	(1972)
JOLLY ROGERS: (As Kenny Rogers and the First Edition)	
1001—Lady Play Your Symphony/There's An Old Man In Our Town	(1972)
1003 – (Do You Remember The) First Time/Indian Joe	(1972) (1972)
1004—Today I Started Loving you Again/She Thinks I Still Care 1005—Lena Lookie/Gallop County Train	(1973)
1006—What's She Gonna Do/Something About Your Song	(1973)
1007—Makin' Music For Money/Stranger In My Place	(1973)
UNITED ARTISTS:	(
746—Love Lifted Me/A Home-Made Love 798—A Home-Made Love/There's An Old Man In Our Town	(1975) (1975)
812—While The Feeling's Good/I Would Like To See You Again	(1976)
868—Laura (What's He Got That I Ain't Got)/I Wasn't Man Enough	(1976)
929—Lucille/Till I Get It Right 1027—Daytime Friends/We Don't Make Love Anymore	(1977) (1977)
1095—Sweet Music Man/Lyin' Again (issued with picture sleeve)	(1977)
1137—Every Time Two Fools Collide/We Love Each Other (w/Dottie West)	(1978) (1978)
1210—Love Or Something Like It/Starting Again 1234—Anyone Who Isn't Me Tonight/You And Me (w/Dottie West)	(1978)
1250—The Gambler/Momma's Waiting	(1978)
1273—She Believes In Me/Morganna Jones (Issued w/picture sleeve) 1276—All I Ever Need Is You/Hey, Won't You Play Another Somebody	(1979)
Done Somebody Wrong Song (w/Dottie West) 1299—Til I Can Make It On My Own/Midnight Flyer (w/Dottie West)	(1979)
1299—Til I Can Make It On My Own/Midnight Flyer (w/Dottie West)	(1979)
1315—You Decorated My Life/One Man's Woman (issued w/picture sleeve 1327—Coward Of The County/I Want To Make You Smile	) (1979) (1979)
1345—Don't Fall In Love With A Dreamer*/Going Home To The Rock-	
Gideon Tanner (*-with Kim Carnes). 1359—Love The World Away/Saying Goodbye	(1980) (1980)
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LIBERTY: 1380—Lady/Sweet Music Man (issued with picture sleeve)	(1980)
1397—Lady (Spanish Version)/Sweet Music Man	(1980)
1404—What Are We Doing In Love*/Choosin' Means Losin'	(1001)
(Dottie West single, with unbilled duet vocal by Kenny Rogers) 1415—I Don't Need You/With You In My Life (issued w/picture sleeve)	(1981) (1981)
A-1430—Share Your Love With Me/Grevbeard	(1981)
A-1441—Blaze of Glory/The Good Life A-1444—Through The Years/So in Love With You	(1981) (1981)
B-1471—Love Will Turn vou Around/I Want A Son	(1982)
B-1485—A Love Song/The Fool in Me 1492—We've Got Tonight*/You Are So Beautiful (*-w/Sheena Easton)	(1982) (1983)
B-1503—Scarlet Fever/What I Learned From Loving You	(1983)
	(1983)
B-1516—Together Again*/Baby I'm A Want You* (*w/Dottie West)	(1984)
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RCA:	

# **ALBUMS**

RCA: B-13615—Islands In The Stream\*/I Will Always Love You (\*-w/Dolly Parton) B-13654—This Woman/Buried Treasure

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	CARLTON: 12-121—One Dozen Goldies (features "That Crazy Feeling")	(1959)
	REPRISE: (As Kenny Rogers and the First Edition) 6276 – First Edition 6302 – First Edition's Second 6328 – First Edition's '69 6352 – Ruby Don't Take Your Love To Town 6835 – Something's Burning 6412 – Tell It All Brother 6429 – "Fools" (original motion picture soundtrack) 6437 – Kenny Rogers And The First Edition's Greatest Hits 2039 – Transitions 6476 – The Ballad Of Calico (2-record set)	(1968) (1968) (1969) (1969) (1970) (1970) (1971) (1971) (1971) (1972)
	JOLLY ROGERS: (As Kenny Rogers and the First Edition) 5001—Back Roads	(1972)
	5003—Monumental 5004—Rollin'	(1973) (1973)

# **ALBUMS**

UNITED ARTISTS:	
607—Love Lifted Me	(1976)
689—Kenny Rogers/Lucille	(1977)
754—Daytime Friends	(1977)
835—Ten Years Of Gold	(1977)
864—Every Time Two Fools Collide (Duets with Dottie West)	(1978)
903—Love Or Something Like It	(1978)
910—"Convoy" (orig. motion picture stk.—features "Lucille")	(1978)
934—The Gambler	(1978)
946—Kenny Rogers And Dottie West—Classics (Duets w/Dottie West)	(1979)
979—Kenny	(1979)
1035—Gideon	(1980)
1033 Gideon	(.,,,,,
LIBERTY:	
1072—Kenny Rogers' Greatest Hits	(1980)
1062—Wild West* (*-Dottie West Album with Kenny singing a duet with	. ,
Dottie on "What Are We Doing In Love") Album	
had a delayed release date, hence the earlier number.	(1981)
1108—Share Your Love	(1981)
5515—Kenny Rogers Christmas	(1982)
51124—Love Will Turn You Around	(1982)
51143—We've Got Tonight	(1983)
51152—Kenny Rogers 20 Greatest Hits	(1983)
51154—Kenny Rogers With Kim Carnes, Sheena Easton & Dottie West	(1984)
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MOTOWN:	
6007—Lionel Richie ("My Love,") Kenny billed in background vocals)	(1982)
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90002—"Urban Cowboy" (orig. motion picture stkfeatures	
"Love The World Away")	(1980)
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LAKESHORE MUSIC: (Manufactured by Warner Bros. Special Products)	
2514—Kenny Rogers And The First Edition (2-record TV Package)	(1979)
RCA:	
4697—Eyes That See In The Dark (Duet w/Dolly Parton)	(1983)
THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF REISSUE SINGLES:	
REPRISE: (Kenny Rogers and the First Edition)	
738—Ruby (Don't Take Your Love To Town)/Reuben James	
747—Something's Burning/Someone Who Cares	
748—Heed The Call/Tell It All Brother	

# ALBUM BREAKDOWN

UNITED ARTISTS: (Titles of hits by the First Edition are re-recorded)
1151—Love Lifted Me/Reuben James
1152—Today I Started Loving You Again/Just Dropped In
1153—Daytime Friends/But You Know I Love You
1154—Lucille/Something's Burning
1155—Sweet Music Man/Ruby (Don't Take Your Love To Town)

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6276—THE FIRST EDITION:

I Found A Reason/Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)/
Shadow In The Comer Of Your Mind/If Wishes Were Horses/Ticket To Nowhere/I Get A
Funny Feeling/I Was The Loser/Dream On/Home Made Lies/Marcia: 2 A.M./Hurry Up
Love/Church Without A Name

6302-FIRST EDITION'S SECOND: Charlie the Fer de Lance/If I Could Only Change Your Mind/A Patch of Clear/I Passed You By/A Good Kind Of Hurt/Only Me/Are My Thoughts With You/Things Can't Be So Bad/Raindow On A Cloudy Day/The Sun Keeps On Rising/Look Around, I'll Be There

6328-FIRST EDITION '69: Priod Edition 99: But You Know I Love You/I Just Wanna Give My Love To You/It's Gonna Be Better/The Last Few Threads Of Love/All That I Am/Trying Just As Hard As I Can/Run Through Your Mind/It's Raining in My Mind/Sleep Comes Easy/Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town

6325—RUBY, DON'T TAKE YOUR LOVE TO TOWN:
Ruby, Don't Take Your Love To Town/Me and Bobby McGee/New Design/Always
Leaving, Always Cone/Listen To The Music/Sunshine/Once Again She's All Alone/Cirl
Get A Hold Of Yourself/Time Liberator/Reuben James

6385-SOMETHING'S BURNING: Something's Burning/She Even Woke Me Up To Say Goodbye/Then I Miss You/My Washington Woman/Just Remember You're My Sunshine/Sunshine Joe/A Stranger In My Place/It's a Crazy Aftemoon/Momma's Waiting/Elvira

6412-TELL IT ALL BROTHER: Tell It All Brother/Shine On Ruby Mountain/King Of Oak Street/I'm Gonna Sing You A Sad Song Susie/Love Woman/Heed The Call/Camptown Ladies/Molly/After All (I Live My Life)/We All Got to Help Each Other

6429—"FOOLS" (original motion picture soundtrack):
A Poem I Wrote For Your Hair (2 versions)/Someone Who Cares (2 versions)



# KENNY ROGERS SPECIAL FACTS

8265 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90048

### **DEAR SPECIAL FRIEND:**

So many wonderful fans write in asking questions about Kenny that we've decided to compile those most frequently asked into the following fact sheet.

### WHEN WAS KENNY BORN?

Kenny was born Kenneth Ray Rogers in Houston, Texas at St. Joseph Hospital on August 21, 1938. His first elementary school was Washington School where he was in the Glee Club. He was one of five of Lucille and E.F. Rogers' eight children to graduate Jefferson Davis High School. Kenny started college but left when Dick Clark summoned him to appear on "American Bandstand." The rest is history!

## WHEN WAS MARIANNE BORN?

Marianne was born on January 28th — but we wouldn't ask such a pretty lady the year! She is from Georgia.

## WHEN WERE KENNY AND MARIANNE MARRIED?

In Los Angeles on October 2, 1977.

# DO THEY HAVE ANY CHILDREN?

Their son Christopher Cody Rogers was born in Los Angeles on December 4, 1981. Kenny has two other grown children by previous marriages — Kenny Jr. and Carole.

### **DOES KENNY HAVE ANY PETS?**

Yes, four cats named "Lady," "Fido," "Kit," and "Kaboddle." And guess what? He's allergic to cats! And, of course, Kenny loves his Arabian horses on his Georgia farm.

## WHAT ARE KENNY'S FAVORITE COLORS?

Blue and Hunter Green.

### WHAT ARE HIS HOBBIES?

Kenny loves photography; and when he is "on the road" he plays a lot of cards.

## WHAT ARE THE CHARMS KENNY WEARS AROUND HIS NECK?

One is a love charm given to him by Marianne, and the other is a Leo the lion for Kenny's astrological sign. No, they are not for sale!

# DOES KENNY FLY HIS OWN PLANE?

No. His professional pilots do — while Kenny relaxes. He needs *some* time to relax with his busy schedule!

### **HOW TALL IS KENNY?**

He's 6'1" tall. His eyes are blue, and his hair (of course) is grey and brown.

## WHAT IS HIS FAVORITE SPORT?

Kenny is an avid and excellent tennis player. He also loves golf, but his busy schedule keeps him from enjoying this sport as much as he'd like. Since childhood he has been an excellent softball player and he and his brothers still like to play when they have family reunions.

## WHAT KINDS OF BOOKS DOES KENNY READ?

Anything non-fiction.

## WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DOES KENNY LIKE?

Kenny is an excellent and well-rounded musician, having played jazz with the Bobby Doyle Trio, folk with the New Christy Minstrals, pop with The First Edition and of course, country western. Kenny appreciates the best in all kinds of music.

# DOES KENNY PREFER SINGING OR ACTING?

Kenny, of course, loves his music and singing is certainly closest to his heart. He has said that he enjoys acting a lot, but doesn't enjoy sitting around "between takes." Kenny, as you know, is an extremely *active* person.

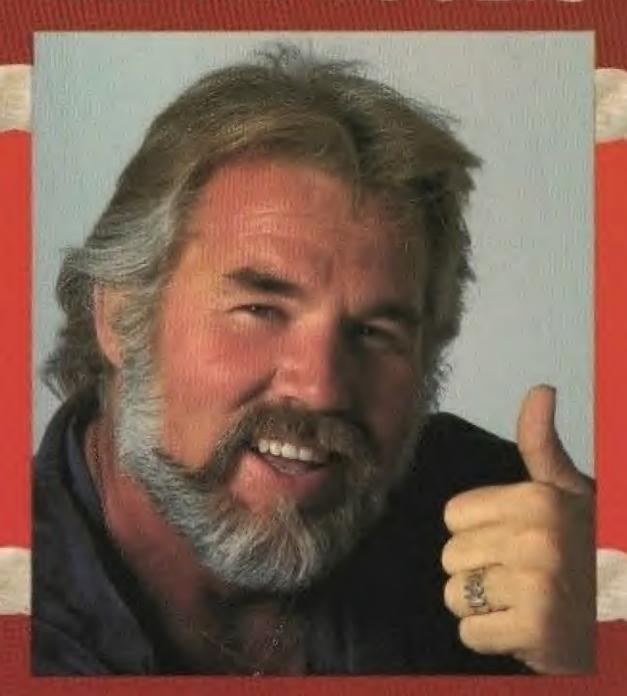
# HOW MANY GOLD AND PLATINUM RECORDS HAS KENNY EARNED?

Five of Kenny's albums have sold multi-platinum: THE GAMBLER 4 times, KENNY 3 times, SHARE YOUR LOVE 2 times, GREATEST HITS 9 times and EYES THAT SEE IN THE DARK 2 times. Kenny received a gold album for KENNY ROGERS AND THE FIRST EDITION'S "GREATEST HITS" which was released in 1971. He received gold singles for LUCILLE, SHE BELIEVES IN ME, COWARD OF THE COUNTY and LADY and a platinum single for ISLANDS IN THE STREAM.

# WHAT IS THE NAME OF KENNY'S BAND AND WHO ARE THE MEMBERS?

Kenny's musical group is named "BLOODLINE" and they have all been with Kenny over eight years! The seven musicians are: BOBBY DANIELS (band leader, drums and vocals), GENE GOLDEN (keyboards and vocals), EDGAR STRUBLE (orchestrations, conductor, rhythm guitar, keyboards, percussion and vocals), STEVE GLASSMEYER (keyboards and vocals), RANDY DORMAN (guitars), RICK HARPER (guitars), and CHUCK JACOBS (bass).

# SPECIAL FRIENDS OF KENNY ROGERS



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We look forward to having you continue your membership!

The Staff Kenny Rogers Fan Club

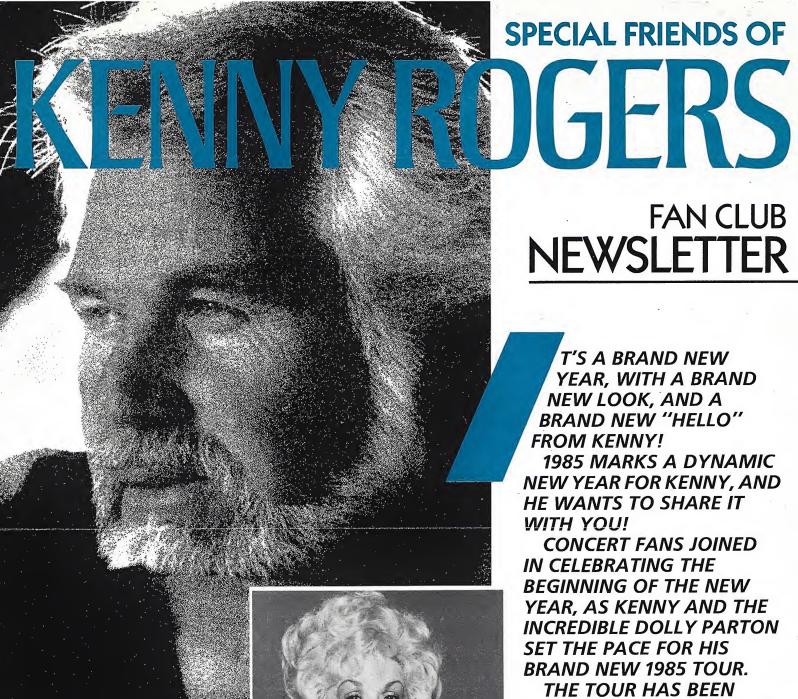
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**EXCITING NEW DUET** 

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PARTNERS WHO WILL BE JOINING KENNY DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, IN WHAT IS PROVING TO BE THE SPECTACULAR SHOW OF THE SEASON.





1984 was an exhilarating year for k surprisingly, surpassed many of his

# JAN. '84

Kenny and Marianne Rogers' Food Drives, sponsored by local food banks in conjunction with his national concert tour, began last January 10th in Long Beach, California. (Their projected goal to collect one million pounds of dried and canned food goods by the end of the year was reached August 25th ('84) at the Nassau Coliseum, New York.) Concert fans responded with overwhelming support, helping to bring the Rogers' dream into reality ... helping to feed the needy.

Then, Kenny & Dolly's hit single "Islands In The Stream" won Best Country Single at the American Music Awards (1/16), with Kenny hosting a tribute to the evening's special winner, Michael Jackson.

# FEB./MARCH '84

During late winter and early spring of '84, Kenny wowed his "down under" fans ... playing to sold-out houses during his Australian/New Zealand Tour. New Zealanders gave him a hearty "welcome back," as it had been ten years since his last visit with The First Edition.

Kenny returned home last March to receive the annual NARM award (3/26) — Best-Selling Country LP by a Male Artist — for his Eyes That See In The Dark album, produced by Barry Gibb.

Kenny holding his two American Music Awards





# APRIL/MAY '84

The year sped along as Kenny played to sold-out houses across the country, and the Food Drives gained momentum. "Islands In The Stream," garnered two more awards for Kenny & Dolly at the CMA awards (May '84): Single of the Year and Top Vocal Duet. It is easy to see how these two superstars were destined to continue their collaboration.

# JUNE/JULY '84

The successful Food Drives continue along with Kenny's summer concerts, as he began work in the studio, between concert tours, on his next RCA albums.

# AUGUST/SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER '84

Next came the release of his fantastic RCA "trio" single ... "What About Me," featuring the dynamic talents of fellow artists Kim Carnes and James Ingram. The Food Drives surpass their million pound goal (Aug. '84).

As the unique single began its rise on the music charts, it was followed by the sensational What About Me album, co-produced by Kenny and David Foster (Sept. '84).

Last October, television audiences got a taste of "What About Me," when Kenny performed the hit with the talented Crystal Gale and Bill

Medley, while hosting the CMA Awards. You may recall the surprise highlight of the evening. Lionel Richie surprised Kenny and the audience with an unannounced appearance. The audience loved their performance of "Lady." The beautiful song, composed by Lionel, has become one of Kenny's most popular signature ballads.

# NOVEMBER/DECEMBER '84

This brings us up to the release of Kenny & Dolly's RCA Once Upon A Christmas album. Their wonderful album created the perfect segue into the holidays with their CBS-TV special ... "Kenny & Dolly: A Christmas To Remember." The enchanting show was directed by much celebrated video master Bob Giraldi, known for Michael Jackson's "Beat It." Viewers were taken behind the scenes during the hour's entertainment, where Kenny & Dolly visited the Los Angeles Children's Hospital ... one of the many moving sequences. With their brilliantly matched solo and duo performance, "Kenny & Dolly: A Christmas To Remember" became the top-rated program of the week, airing December 2nd.

To add icing to the top of their cake, What About Me and Once Upon A Christmas were both certified "Platinum" on



Kenny at one of his many food drives

December 3rd by the Recording Industry Association of America. Kenny has become the association's most awarded recording artist during the RIAA's nine year program. He has received at least one award since 1978, and these two awards bring it up to a grand total of eleven. Congratulations Kenny & Dolly!

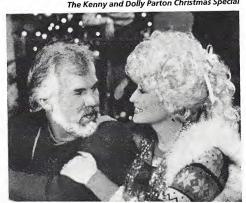
The successful Food Drives came to a conclusion during Kenny's three night engagement in Fort Lauderdale (Dec. 14-16), where the million pound goal was surpassed: a final total of 2,017,890 pounds of food had been collected during the yearlong program. "By asking everyone to do a little, we can accomplish a lot and really make a difference." — Kenny Rogers.

The year came to an exciting close as 1985 rang in with Kenny & Dolly's New Year's Eve concert at The Forum in Los Angeles. They said "goodbye" to the old and "hello" to the new before a celebrity-filled house.

Sawyer Brown, a dynamic new 5-man band, and winners of the "Best New Star Musical Group of 1984" on the syndicated TV Show "Star Search," is Kenny's new opening act. Kenny's 1985 Tour has proven to be a fantastic opportunity for the talented group.









# **NEW PROJECTS**

Look for the release of Kenny & Dolly's latest RCA single, "New Love" from Dolly's new album of the same name.

Speaking of Kenny & Dolly, they shot a new HBO Special ... watch for it.

Production plans are underway for Kenny's new CBS-TV Movie, "Wild Horses." He begins shooting the film in May. (Look for more news about these exciting projects in your next issue of "Special Friends.")

# KENNY THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Kenny swept up three awards for favorite country male vocalist, favorite country single, "Islands In The Stream," and favorite country album, "Eyes That See In The Dark" during the American Music Awards (Jan. 28th), in what proved to be the electrifying TV event of the new year. Lionel Richie, six-award winner and evening's host, coined the keyword for the event ... "Outrageous!" Flamboyant, theatrical and "outrageous" it was ... a perfect melding of costume, music and dance. During Kenny's solo of his hit "Crazy," viewers could spot beautiful Marianne in the audience. The highlight of the evening was when Kenny presented the AMA's Special Award of Merit to country music's lovely and talented Loretta Lynne.



The AMA's and Los Angeles served as the ideal prelude for the gathering of America's top music artists for United Support of Artists for Africa (USA for AFRICA) ... a major music project, with sales to benefit famine victims in Ethiopia and other African nations. Forty-five performers assembled after the awards to record "We Are The World," the single written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, and produced by Quincy Jones for the USA for AFRICA project.



# HIGHLIGHTS

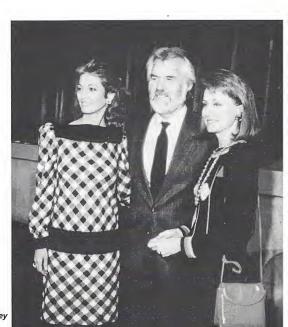
"We Are The World" single and video were produced at A&M Records during a ten hour session following the AMA's. Kenny had previously donated the use of his own Lion Share Recording Studios for the pre-record. Ken Kragen (Kenny and Lionel's manager) was the event producer and Harry Belafonte was the spokeman for USA for AFRICA. All of the artists and production personnel donated their time, facilities and efforts for the project. Other performers will be donating tracks for the album and future concerts. The project is slated for a CBS Records release.

Coverage," "Best Photojournalism," "Best Periodical Coverage," "Best Book," "Best Radio Coverage," "Best Television Coverage," and "Best Cartoon Coverage." Two Special Achievement and four Judges' Awards were presented as well. Marianne and Kenny established the awards program in 1982, "to encourage, honor, and reward those members of the media who have made particularly significant contributions in bringing public attention to the critical issues of world hunger." The evening ceremonies were hosted by Jane Pauley, host of NBC-TV's Today show.

# THE THIRD ANNUAL WORLD HUNGER MEDIA AWARDS

1984

On November 20th, Kenny and Marianne Rogers presented cash prizes to the winners of the <u>Third Annual World Hunger Media Awards</u> during the awards ceremony at the United Nations in New York. Over twenty honorees shared in the awards that were distributed in seven categories: "Best Newspaper



Kenny, Marianne and Jane Pauley

# **UPDATE**

Kenny, President Reagan, TV host Monty Hall, comedian Don Rickles and actor Larry Hagman headed the Tailors Council of America's "Best Dressed List."

Kenny & Marianne wish to thank their Special Friends for all of your thoughtful holiday and birthday remembrances.

On the USA for Africa recording session:

"One thing I remember most (about the session) was looking around that room and realizing the amount of talent that was represented there, and watching the attitudes of the people involved in something that superceded musical tastes and forms. I saw that these people really do care—they're just like everybody else ... It was really kind of a showbiz pep rally, and I don't think it stopped that night."

- Kenny Rogers

# LETTERS TO KENNY

# Dear Kenny,

Hi! I finally woke up enough to sit down and fill you in on my last 6 days. I've just spent 136 1/2 hours in line to get tickets for your Oct. 31st concert in Fort Wayne. I think I had the best time I've ever had!

I met so many nice people, and we all shared at least one common interest, a love for you and your beautiful music.

I can't wait until Oct. 31. I hope the time flies as fast as the last 6 days did!

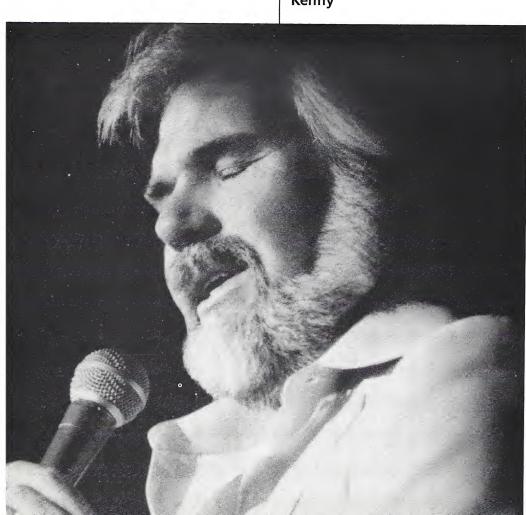
Love,

Karen Everhart Albany, IN

# Dear Karen:

Thanks for your terrific letter. I hope you enjoyed the concert as much as you did the wait in line. Love,

Kenny



# Happy Birthday CHRISTOPHER!!

Marianne and Kenny hosted a wonderful birthday party for Christopher Cody's third birthday (Dec. 4th).

Christopher had invited all of his schoolmates (he's in pre-school). The celebration was topped off by a "Miss Piggy" birthday cake, accompanied by the traditional "Happy Birthday" and blowing out of candles. Christopher made certain that all of his guests had a good time.

Kenny and Marianne wish to thank all of their Special Friends for Christopher's many Birthday remembrances.

# Kenny and Marianne Salute The Very Courageous and Special Young People

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March 3 Sunday	Charleston Civic Center Charleston, WV	7:30 PM
March 8 Friday	Hampton Coliseu Hampton, VA	ım 8:00 PM
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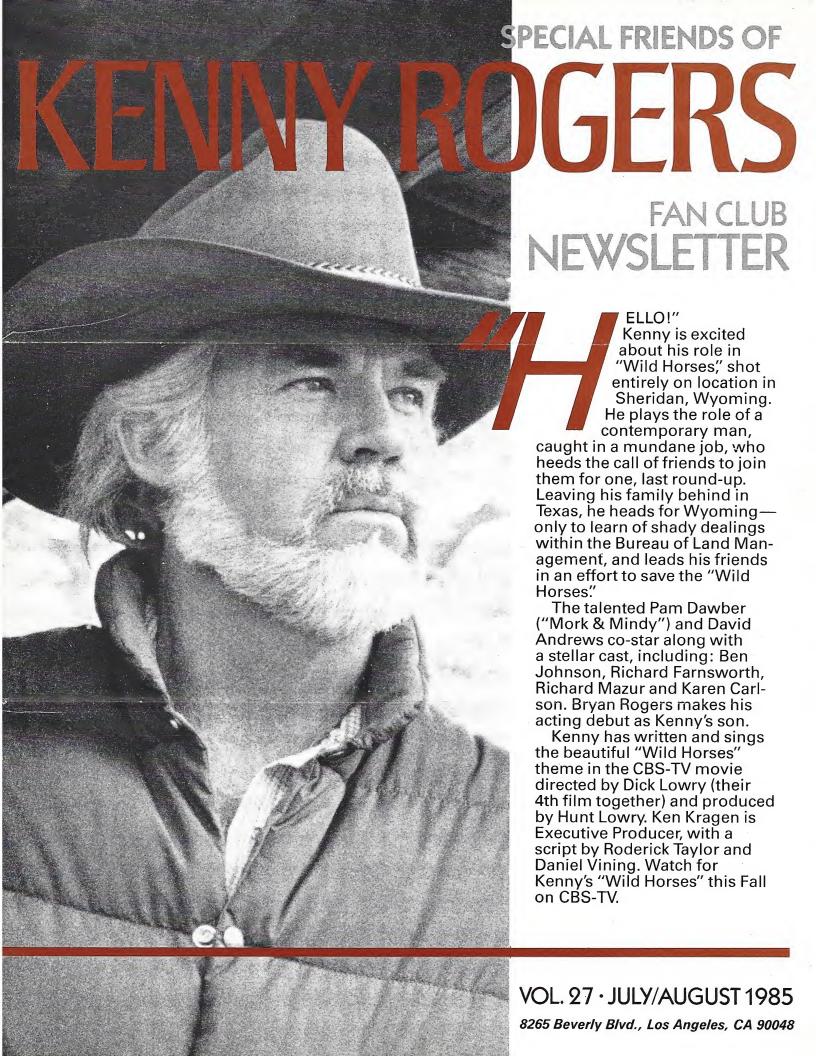
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March 22, 23, 24 Fri., Sat., Sun.	Rosemont Horizon Rosemont, IL	8:00 PM 7:00 PM
March 29, 30 Fri., Sat.	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, VA	8:00 PM ·
March 31 Sunday	Richmond Coliseum Richmond, VA	7:00 PM
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# KENNY'S WILD HORSES New Movie: WILD HORSES

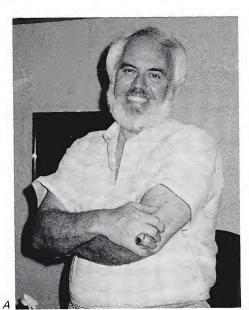




# Kenny invites you to join with him in a look behind the scenes:

Imagine a network of millions of spiderwebs spread across the country—from Los Angeles to Tennessee to...

Hundreds of telephone calls are made months before Kenny's show comes to your city. The tremendous work connected with planning the tour has begun. C. K. Spurlock of North American Tours (Kenny's concert promoter), in Tennessee, and Lelan Rogers of Kenny Rogers Productions, along with Ken Kragen (Kenny's manager), whose offices are both in Los Angeles, have already had several con-

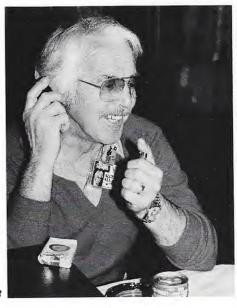


ferences. Since Kenny's itinerary is planned a year in advance to accommodate his heavy schedule—live concerts, recordings and filmsthe advance planning is the most crucial part of the tour.

At this stage, the "opening act" is decided upon. After availabilities are checked and contracts are negotiated, the act is hired. "Many times artists have been scouted in other performance situations to see how they work. Since Kenny's show is in the round, it's important that the artist be an all-around entertainer and available to tour two weeks out of the month," according

to Spurlock.

Once the opening act is set, then come the negotiations with the buildings—contracts, insurance specifications, safety regulations all points are covered. Kay Knight, Mickey Baker, Debbie Cross and JoAnne Ritchey form the spine and support team at North American Tours. Working closely with C. K. Spurlock, a myriad of details are divided between them, in order to bring Kenny's show to your city-from checking for advance production requirements, trucking and crew arrangements, and food requirements to handling all ticket counts and press passes, publicity and radio station requirements for





promotion and contest winners. All of this information is relayed between North American Tours, Kenny Rogers Productions and Ken Kragen's offices.

About eight weeks before Kenny's concert, advertising plans are mapped out between C. K. Spurlock and G. Gerald Roy of Stellar Entertainment (the agency that handles Kenny's concert advertising). The markets are analyzed and the media advertising is purchased (print, radio, and TV). So, about five weeks before Kenny's concert, you begin

to get the news.

While all of this work has been going on, Deborah Boynton, Travel Manager for Kenny Rogers Productions, has been making all of the travel and hotel accommodations for the Band, staff and crew, from her Los Angeles office. And, sometimes re-routing is necessary —quick changes have to be made: due to bad weather, changes in markets or unavoidable illness—and, the telephones start buzzing to keep the show on schedule. All pertinent information filters through Deborah Boynton's busy office and, she helps to keep Kenny's tour schedule flowing to the rest of us, so we can get the latest information to you (via the

newsletter). A complex task? Yes! But, with Kenny's super teams all networking together, it's generally pretty "smooth sailing."

Now, the show is out and moving on the road and has arrived in your city. It's early morning...the stage, lighting and sound equipment has rolled in on huge trucks. Production Manager Tim Rogers is in charge of over-seeing its set-up. There's a 12-man crew on the road, with extra truckloaders hired on in each city to help with this monumental task.

Stage Manager/Equipment Technician Mike Wolpert and Equipment Manager Lenny Rogers are on hand. The lighting cable and motors are hung from the ceiling beams. Then the lighting truss and sound bumpers are assembled and "floated" above the stage. They make sure that the sophisticated, computerized equipment is in place and working. All of Kenny's concert equipment is designed to fit the configurations of various halls in

each city.
Meanwhile, Gene Roy,
Kenny's Road Manager, is
busily making last-minute
checks, arrangements and
telephone calls to the various
offices. He has already coordinated all of the travel
arrangements with Deborah

Boynton for Kenny, the Band and crew, made certain that Kenny's wardrobe is ready for the evening's performance and has made sure that Kenny's transportation is set —from the airport to the arena. Now, he checks on arrangements for various people that will be meeting Kenny backstage—the press, record executives, radio station representatives, contest winners and so forth.

This takes us into mid-afternoon and time for the "sound check" with Sound Engineer Keith Bugos. The Band's wardrobe has been laid out in their dressing room by Dressing Room Manager Paul Rogers. C. K. Spurlock goes over final details with the Production crew...more telephone calls are made. The house is ready and the crew breaks for dinner.

It's getting near showtime. The crew is stationed. Last minute cues are given over their walkie-talkies. The audience is in and seated. Lights start to dim. Gene Roy "cues" the opening act for their entrance. They're on...it's intermission...lights dim again. Kenny's Band begins the note...spotlights search the audience...Roy Rogers and Security lead Kenny through the audience, as he sings his "opening" song. And, in an instant, Kenny is onstage entertaining you.
"Ladies and Gentlemen...

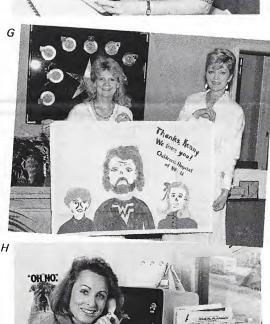
"Ladies and Gentlemen... Welcome to The Kenny Rogers Show."

(A) C.K. Spurlock, President: North American Tours (B) Lelan Rogers, General Manager: Kenny Rogers Productions (C) Kay Knight, Debbie Cross, Mickey Baker, Jo Anne Ritchey: North American Tours (D) G. Gerald Roy, Mary Gellott, Christy Carlisle: Stellar Entertainment (E) Back: Deborah Chulay (Licensing), Deborah Boynton, Kathleen Martinez, Susan Alcott, Gayanne Gregory Front: Sam Cha, Bambi Corso (Licensing), Paula Rogers, JoAnne Cooper: KRP Staff (F) Kathleen Martinez (Computer Operations) checks membership galley (G) JoAnne Cooper & Susan Alcott with poster from Children's Hospital-W. VA (H) Deborah Boynton (Travel Manager) checking Kenny's tour schedule











# REAL LOVE: KENNY & DOLLY

That's the title of Kenny & Dolly's HBO Special, an exciting "behind-the-scenes" look at their sold-out concert performance at Portland's Memorial Coliseum (Portland, OR, April 13th).

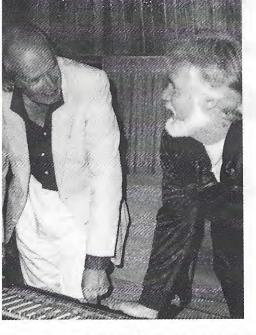
A must see, their show is packed with high energy and a sense of urgency. Opening in the control booth, where we scan a sea of TV monitors and intercut between shots of Kenny and Dolly, to matching shots of their "live" performance at Memorial Coliseum. Then, within a matter of seconds, the crew's enormous job of setting up the arena stage, hanging the lighting grids, and arranging the seating flashes before our eyes.

You get the feeling of actually "being there," from their informal rehearsal at the Record Plant in Los Angeles, to their powerful, live performance in Portland.

There are so many memorable sequences: "And, then I wrote..." Is a delightful sequence in rehearsal, with Kenny and Dolly taking turns on an acoustic guitar and singing a selection of their songs. Dolly's "live" opening on stage charms the

audience with her "We're Having A Party" And, Kenny's kidding with them before singing his very special "Sweet Music Man." An outstanding highlight is his performance of "We Are The World," joined by his band Bloodline, with the Portland audience spontaneously rising to their feet, and becoming part of a 20,000 voice chorus. Their rendition of "We've Got Tonight" literally brought the house down (the first time they appear together on stage). The audience loved their duet "Real Love," and their hit "Islands In The Stream" was another crowd-pleaser. "Real Love: Kenny & Dolly," is a fast-paced, superlative special produced by Ken Yates and Howard Malley, and directed by Stan Harris. Ending on an exhilarating note: Kenny and Dolly are led from the stage, back through the audience and into the backstage corridor. Their special ends with a FREEZE FRAME on their smiling faces.

Watch for the Premier on HBO-TV, slated for the end of July.



# **NEW! NEW! NEW!!!**

# ALBUM

Kenny has been back at work, in the studio again, on an exciting new album with the noted British record producer, George Martin (known for his extraordinary work with "The Beatles").

Their "adventurous undertaking" began in late Spring, before Kenny was off to film "Wild Horses" on location. While Kenny was filming, George Martin returned to England to cut the "basic tracks." The two met back in Los Angeles during mid-June to continue work on the project. The new album will be Kenny's first project that he's worked on with a solo producer, since Lionel Richie produced his "Share"

Your Love" LP.
The inside track tells us that
the "key" song to listen for is
"The Rest of Me," written by
Richard Marx, Jeremy Lubbock and David Foster. Kenny
feels it's one of the best songs
that he's heard since "Lady."

With this in mind, we're looking forward to hearing his bold, new musical venture in late Summer on RCA Records.



# USA SERICA united support of Artists for Africa

The premier of the 60-minute documentary (May 1, HBO) gave many of us the opportunity to participate in the making of the historic recording.

Narrated by Jane Fonda, the unique special transports us "behind-thescenes" visually and musically through the "eye" of the event that brought together 45 top music artists for: "We Are The World."

The powerful video literally compresses hundreds of hours of work into 60 minutes, allowing the viewer to witness the creative process in action.

We are taken from the gates of A&M Recording Studios, in Los Angeles, into the control booth, and then are whisked to Kenny's Lion Share Recording Studios where top studio musicians are recording the "basic tracks" for the single. Inside, we spot producer Quincy Jones rehearsing the vocals with Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie.

Through the magic of film, we time-trip ahead to the eve of the 10-hour, marathon recording session. The studio is being readied at A&M. Equipment is being set-up, individual artist's "marks" are taped to risers, while camera and crew members receive their final instructions. Michael Jackson arrives early to record his vocal "guideline" for the 45-member chorus.

Outside of A&M, the artists begin to arrive. Excitement builds as they enter the studio. (Many came directly from the American Music Awards, while others flew in just for the session.)

Soon, the studio is filled with the members of the superstar chorus—Kenny, Steve Perry, Ray Charles, Billy Joel, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Willie Nelson, Dionne Warwick, Lionel Richie...(an incredible cross-section of musical talent). Warm greetings are exchanged, and anticipation fills the air. The chorus find their

individual "marks" and take their places on the risers.

Bob Geldof, organizer for Britain's Band Aid Project that served as inspiration for USA for Africa, addresses the chorus. Geldof explains in detail his first-hand experience in witnessing the tragedy in Ethopia. The impact of the "We Are The World" session will be felt long after the evening's event. Ken Kragen, the event producer outlines how the funds will be distributed. The artists are touched and eager to contribute their talents.

Quincy Jones takes the conductor's podium. The session begins. With Michael Jackson's "guideline" vocal playing through their headsets, the chorus beings singing...."we are the world, we are the children..." Solo and duet lines are broken down. Excitement and emotions run high. The group breaks to work on the 21 lead vocal and harmony parts. Several work in teams, rehearsing their parts. Kenny teams with Paul Simon. Stevie Wonder and Ray Charles rehearse together with the aid of an electronic, braille machine.

Half-way into the session, the group breaks for a photo shoot and exclusive interview with "Life Magazine." Autographs are exchanged between the superstars—each taking turns signing each others' sheet music—and, 100 USA for Africa posters are signed (the artist's signatures will become part of the opening for the video).

After a warm and spontaneous tribute to Harry Belafonte, with everyone singing "The Banana Boat Song," the group re-assembles to begin work again. Stevie Wonder introduces two Ethiopian women who thank the group for the help that they are giving to their country. There is a stunned moment of silence before the women leave. Everyone is moved. Some weep. Quincy Jones breaks the silence with a soft... "let's sing." One by one, the artists step to the microphone to record their individual lines. The sequence is electrifying. After half a dozen takes, the solos and main vocal sequences have been taped. And, by 8:00 AM the next morning the studio is still, and

all have disappeared.

The "most crucial part of the task" would be completed during the following days and nights at Kenny's Lion Share Recording Studios. Producer Quincy Jones and engineer Humberto Gatica, along with a score of technicians, completed the detailed, final mix on the record. Ray Charles, Lionel Richie, James Ingram and Stevie Wonder were brought back in to add highlights to the track...all has been captured in the 60-minute video.

The excellent documentary takes us through the creative steps, from the beginnings of a collective idea to the completion of a single purpose: 45 signatures come to life across the USA for Africa logo, and 45 super

voices ring out...

"There is a choice we're making...we're saving our own lives."

# UPDATE

L.A. — Monday, June 10, 1985 — Kenny, along with members of the USA for Africa Foundation, was on hand to see the first airlift of supplies being readied for flight to Ethiopia. Three million dollars worth of food and medical supplies were flown to the famine stricken country. Kenny also serves as one of the Board of Directors for the USA for Africa Foundation.

The projected 50 million dollar goal is expected to be reached by the end of Summer by the USA for Africa Foundation. Distribution and allocation of funds are as follows: First 35% for immediate needs—food and medical supplies. Second 35% for long-range needs—seed, fertilizer, water drilling. 20% allocated for programs working toward long-term solutions to the problem. Final 10% to help the hungry and homeless in America.

Mayor Tom Bradly has proclaimed July 26 "WE ARE THE **WORLD DAY IN LOS ANGELES!"** Kenny will be one of the artists to be honored with a Certificate of Outstanding Service to the Community, for his participation in the African Relief effort. Awards will be presented by Mrs. Ethel Bradley on the City Hall Steps.

Kenny did it again! He won favorite country music performer in the 11th annual People's Choice Awards, telecast on CBS-TV last March. Needless to say, Kenny was in good company along with several other of his friends and evening's award winners: Bob Hope, Bill Cosby, Barbara Mandrell, Tom Selleck and Linda Evans...to name a few.

Kenny wishes to thank all of you for your votes and support!

Kenny is scheduled to receive "The Golden Boot" award at the 3rd Annual Western Stars Awards Dinner (August 23rd), with the evening's proceeds going to benefit the Motion Picture and Television Country House and Hospital in Woodland Hills, CA.

Other noted guests will include: James Stewart (memorial award presenter), Kirk Douglas, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Jane Russell, Lee Majors and more.

Congratulations, Kenny!!

SHARE, INC.'s 32nd Annual Charity party and show, at Santa Monica Civic Auditorium (May 25th), was a sell-out.

Marianne is a member of SHARE, and she and Kenny entertain each year for the organization that has raised over ten million dollars for charities.

Bob Hope was this year's Boomtown Party master of ceremonies. And, Kenny headlined one of the year's best shows along with Lionel Richie, Dottie West, Nell Carter and Steve & Eydie.

Marianne was a stand-out in the famous SHARE ladies' chorus line, singing and dancing with her pals, to help raise one million dollars for their charities.

Kenny is set to headline the annual Carousel Ball in Denver on October 12th. The spectacular fundraiser hosted by Denver

oilman Marvin Davis (20th Century Fox Studios) and his wife Barbara, benefits The Children's Diabetes Foundation.

Kenny and Marianne will receive the Foundation's "High Hopes" award that evening. Other luminaries expected include: former President and Mrs. Gerald Ford, Linda Evans, Cary Grant, Joan Collins, Sammy Davis, Jr., former secretary of state Henry Kissinger and Lucille Ball and Gary Morton.

Hi Kenny,

Thanks for your love and support for the end of hunger in "We Are The World." I am deeply moved by your commitment to the end of hunger in our world. Thanks for the song on the album. Love,

John Cassel Manchester, NH

Dear John: I sincerely appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you, Kenny

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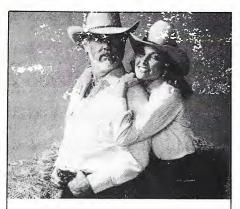
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July 26 & 27 Friday & Saturday Bird Hill Park, Winnipeg, Canada 7:00 PM

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July 31 Wednesday Northlands Coliseum, Edmonton, Canada 8:00 PM

August 2 (2 shows) Friday Circle Star Theater, San Carlos, Ca. 7:30 PM & 10:30 PM

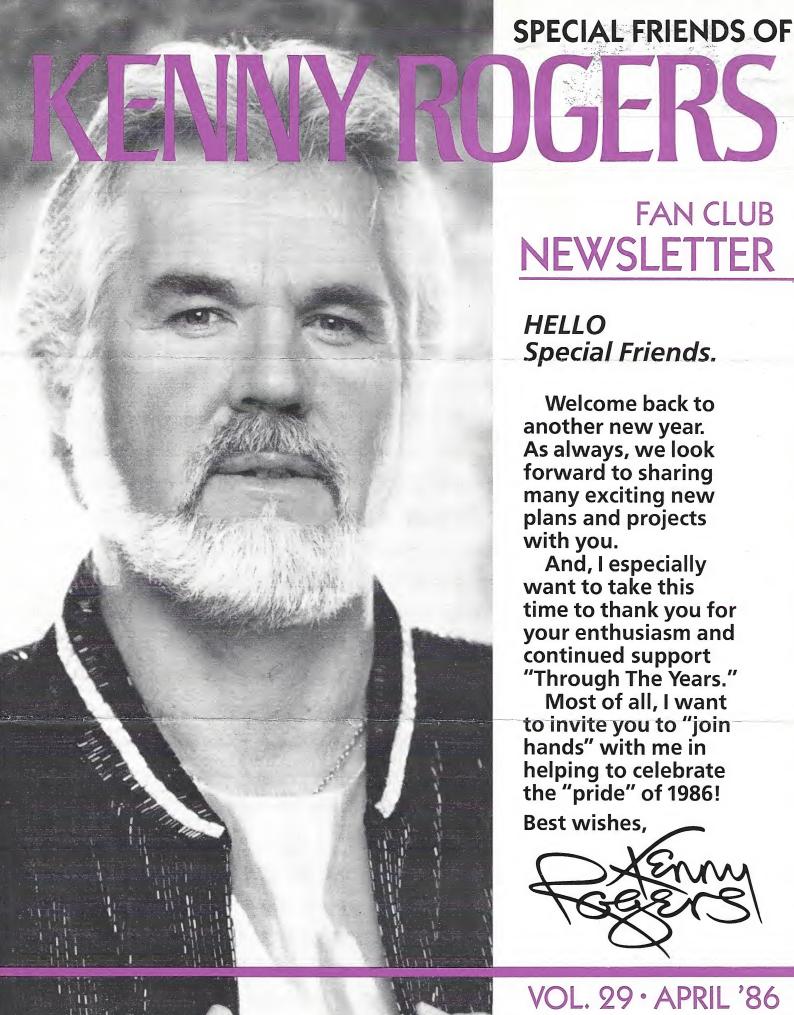
August 3 (2 shows) Saturday Circle Star Theater, San Carlos, Ca. 7:00 PM & 10:30 PM

August 4 (2 shows) Sunday Circle Star Theater, San Carlos, Ca. 5:00 PM & 8:30 PM

September 1 (2 shows) Sunday Allentown Fair, Allentown, Pa. 3:30 PM & 8:00 PM

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**FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER** 

HELLO Special Friends.

Welcome back to another new year. As always, we look forward to sharing many exciting new plans and projects with you.

And, I especially want to take this time to thank you for your enthusiasm and continued support "Through The Years."

Most of all, I want to invite you to "join hands" with me in helping to celebrate the "pride" of 1986!

Best wishes,

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From left to right: Bob

# THE FOURTH ANNUAL WORLD HUNGER MEDIA

Founded and sponsored by Kenny and Marianne Rogers, the Fourth Annual World Hunger Media Awards were presented in a ceremony at the United Nations, in New York, on November 26th.

Marianne and Kenny founded the awards program in 1982 at the suggestion of their late friend, performer/humanitarian Harry Chapin "to encourage, honor and reward those members of the media who have made particularly significant contributions to the critical issues of world hunger."

Cash prizes were awarded in seven categories, which include: Best Newspaper Coverage, Best Photojournalism, Best Radio Coverage, Best Book, Best Periodical Coverage, Best Television Coverage and Best Cartoon. Judges Awards were also presented in the Photojournalism category, the Television category—"Children for Children" campaign, the children of the New York public school system and the Cartoon category.

During the ceremonies, Kenny and Marianne presented their Special



# **AWARDS 1985**

Achievement Award to Bob Geldof, whose Band Aid and Live Aid projects raised millions of dollars for African relief. Geldof's work helped to spearhead the USA For Africa ("We Are The World") project to continue the fight against African famine. The evening's ceremonies were produced by Marty Rogol and Harriet Sternberg and hosted by Walter Cronkite.



Kenny's concern in helping to eradicate the problems of hunger in the world have been brought home with his involvement in "Hands Across America," a project of USA For Africa. Kenny along with Bill Cosby, Pete Rose and Lily Tomlin will act as the project's co-chairs. The guiding forces behind "Hands Across America" are his manager Ken Kragen, president of USA For Africa, and Fred Droz, national project director.

Kenny would like to remind all of his "Special Friends" that on Sunday, May 25, 1986 millions of Americans will be joining hands in a line from Los Angeles to New York in an effort to do their part in helping to eliminate hunger and homelessness in America.

"Special Friends" wishing to join in call 1-800-USA-9000.

# EEKEN

Kenny is set to join a host of dignitaries and celebrities during the 100th Anniversary salute to Lady Liberty during the 4th of July weekend. He will appear during the opening and closing ceremonies, when President Reagan and President Mitterand of France will unveil the restored Statue of Liberty and relight her torch. The exciting national tribute to Lady Liberty will be produced by David Wolper and telecast worldwide during Liberty Weekend (July 3rd through 6th).

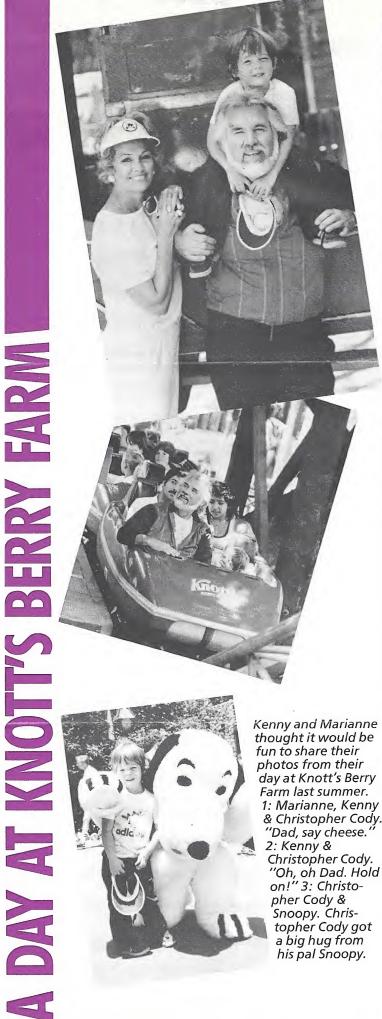
Kenny, a Grammy winner himself, hosted "The 28th Annual Grammy Awards" (Feb. 25th) that were telecast live from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The three hour program covered the vast spectrum of recorded music and videos from: Pop, Country, R & B, Broadway Musicals, Jazz, Classical, Gospel, Comedy, Latin and Blues.

The historic recording of "We Are The World" (USA For Africa) swept the evening's coveted awards in the following categories: RECORD OF THE YEAR (Quincy Jones, Producer), SONG OF THE YEAR (Michael Jackson & Lionel Richie), POP PERFORMANCE BY A DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL (USA For Africa) and MUSICAL VIDEO, SHORT FORM: "We Are The World—the Video Event" (USA For Africa).

The song's impact was felt world-wide, and underscores the fact that artists have always risen to the occasion of social consciousness through their music. Kenny stated it so succinctly when he reminded us of how "Woodie Guthrie and Paul Robeson barnstormed the country, during the dust bowl days of the 30's, doing benefits for the plighted who had lost everything." He-cited "the music industry's rich heritage for caring."

During the evening's ceremonies, Kenny announced the "Lifetime Achievement Awards" that were presented to The Rolling Stones (who accepted in London via satellite), the late Benny Goodman and classical guitarist Andre Segovia. Barbra Streisand, who's returned to her musical roots with her "The Broadway Album" presented the "Trustee Award" to Mrs. Ira Gershwin on behalf of her late husband, for his memorable contributions to the world of the Broadway Musical. NARAS President Michael Greene honored record executive, author and social activist John Hammond with the special "President's Merit Award." And, kudos went to ALBUM OF THE YEAR WINNER Phil Collins for his "No Jacket Required."

Kenny wrapped up the evening's spectacular entertainment by introducing his surprise co-host—none other than Christopher Cody, wearing a spiffy little tux. Christopher Cody bid the star-studded audience "goodnight," and Kenny announced that Christopher just may be hosting The Grammy Awards in the year 2000.





Kenny and Marianne thought it would be fun to share their photos from their day at Knott's Berry Farm last summer. 1: Marianne, Kenny & Christopher Cody. "Dad, say cheese. 2: Kenny & Christopher Cody. "Oh, oh Dad. Hold on!" 3: Christopher Cody & Snoopy. Christopher Cody got a big hug from his pal Snoopy.

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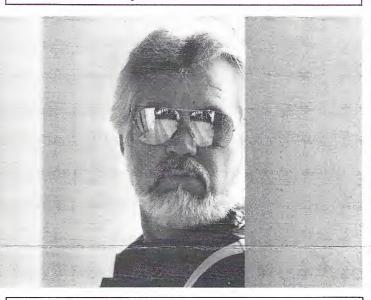
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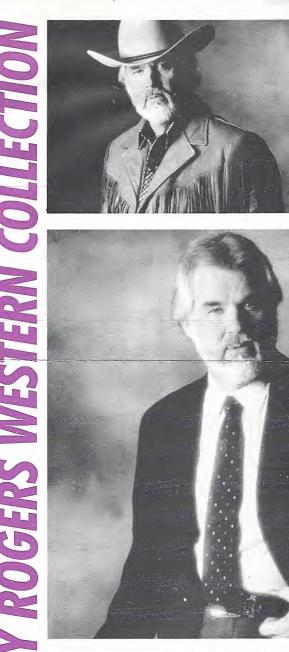
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A: On the fringe of western fashion with the latest additions to the Kenny Rogers Western Collection: leather jackets, western hats and trophy-style belt buckles. B: "If Marianne could see me now, she wouldn't believe it," quipped Kenny as he donned the tie for this classic tailored look. C: As the former Miss Texas, model Barbara Horan knows how to look great in boots and jeans. D: KR staff member, Bambi Corso, was convinced by fashion photographer Charles Bush to take a turn in front of the camera.

# LETTERS TO KENNY

Dear Mr. Rogers:

One of our assignments in Mr. Edsall's class is to write letters to people we really admire. We range in age from 9 to 12, and are probably some of your youngest and biggest fans. Our moms really like you too.

Would you please send us an autographed picture we can display in our "Gallery of Stars." We've got a place reserved for you

right next to Bill Cosby.

Sincerely,

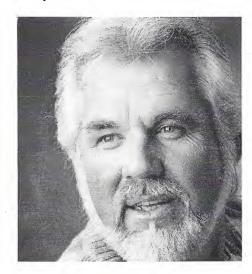
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Dear Friends:

I'm delighted to know that you've included me in the good company of Bill Cosby. I hope you liked the picture.

Best wishes,

Kenny



# **BRIEF NOTES:**

- Yes, it's true! That is Kenny singing on the new Chrysler-Plymouth commercial with Sandy Farina.
- "Discover America's Favorites" was the national poll conducted by PM Magazine (TV) and USA Today (Newspaper). The winners were announced February 24th. Kenny was voted "America's Favorite Singer" followed by Elvis Presley. Lionel Richie and Bruce Springsteen (both tied for third), Barbra Streisand and Bing Crosby. And, Kenny's "Lady" was the all time most popular record. When asked, "if you could get free tickets to a concert, who would you most like to see?" Kenny won hands down. Congratulations.

# THANK YOU

- Kenny wishes to extend his sincere thanks and appreciation to all of his Special Friends for your thoughtful cards and letters that you sent during his recouperation from his recent throat surgery.
- A very special thank you from Marianne and Christopher Cody for your lovely Birthday cards and remembrances.
- Kenny, Marianne and Christopher Cody appreciate all of your wonderful Christmas and Valentine cards. Thank you, Special Friends.





Susan Thesen of Kelowna, B.C., Canada came up with a clever idea. She made a running suit and sleeping sack for her doll by re-cycling one of Kenny's tour shirts.

NOTE: Concert dates, venues and showtimes are subject to change.

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April 18 Friday	Rochester, NY Community War Memorial Show Time: 8 PM
April 19 Saturday	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada Copps Coliseum Show Time: 8 PM
April 20 Sunday	Buffalo, NY Memorial Auditorium Show Time: 7 PM
April 22 Tuesday	Champaign, IL University of Illinois Show Time: 8 PM
April 23 Wednesday	Rockford, IL Metro Center Show Time: 8 PM
April 24 Thursday	LaCrosse, WI LaCrosse Arena Show Time: 8 PM
April 25 Friday	Bloomington, MN Met Center Show Time: 8 PM
April 27 Sunday	Bismarck, ND Bismarck Civic Center Show Time: 7 PM
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Enjoy the remainder of your summer, have a wonderful fall everyone and we'll see you again in

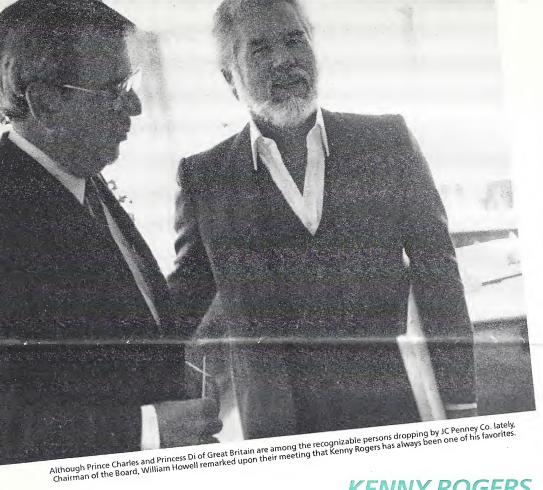
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Best wishes,



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# KENNY ROGERS SPORTSWEAR LINE IN JC PENNEY CATALOG

**Photographers** caught Kenny dropping by JC Penney Co.'s corporate offices in New York, during his recent visit to mark the launch of his new men's sportswear line in the Fall 1986 JC Penney catalog.

The new line is designed to reflect the comfort and quality required for today's American lifestyle. Currently appearing on pages 446 and 447 of the Fall catalog are men's corduroy slacks, shaker knit sweaters and a selection of three attractive shirts. Next spring, walking shorts, sweater vests and knit shirts will also be added.

Items from the Kenny Rogers Western Collection, for both men and women, appear in the Fall catalog on pages 239 and 493.

Anyone wishing to order the catalog should send \$4.00 to JC Penney Co., Inc., Circulation Department, Box 2056 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2506. (Along with the catalog, you'll receive a \$4.00 merchandise certificate redeemable against the next catalog purchase).



The projected fifty million dollars raised by Hands Across America will go to help the hungry and homeless—60 percent to existing programs and 40 percent to help create new ones.

Special Friends still can participate in Hands Across America, by calling 1-800-USA-9000.

Special Friend Gayle Abbott, of Colorado Springs, CO, was at the Texas-New Mexico border where she was able to take these terrific pictures of Kenny, Marianne and family during the Hands Across America celebration.



Marianne, Christopher Cody & Kenny



Top Row: Daughter Carole (2nd from left), Marianne Christopher Cody and Kenny. You can also spot singer, Lee Greenwood. (2nd from right), Kenny's mom, Lucille Rogers and sister Sandy Rogers.



Kenny and Gayle Abbott



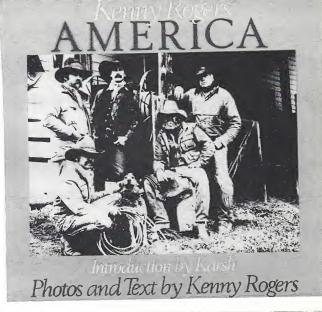
Top Row: (left to right) singer, Lee Greenwood. (third from left) Lucille Rogers, Sandy Rogers and son, Kenny Rogers.

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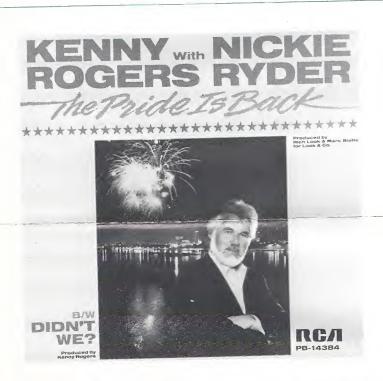
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# "THE PRIDE IS BACK"

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# **DISCOVERY DAY '86**

Kenny is set to entertain at Three Rivers Stadium (Pittsburgh, PA) on Sunday, August 24th, during Discovery Day, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Pirates and "Discover Magazine." Several dignitaries and celebrities will be featured during the 45 minute intermission, and will speak on behalf of the Discovery Program's work against drug and alcohol abuse.

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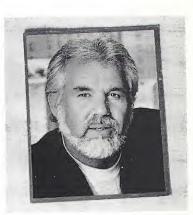
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# **IPDATE**

- During "The 12th Annual People's Choice Awards," telecast on March 12th, the audience was touched when Kenny introduced his older children during his acceptance of the Favorite Country Music Performer award—his lovely daughter Carole, who worked diligently with her dad on the Hands Across America project, and talented son Kenny, Jr., who is becoming an accomplished writer/musician in his own right. As always, Marianne was radiant and Christopher Cody was a charmer. (The entire family was featured in the July issue of "McCall's" magazine).
- Kenny was also honored last March with a Merit Award by NARAS (National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences) for his charity work with USA For Africa. He was in the good company of fellow Merit Award winners; Bob Geldof, manager Ken Kragen, along with Harry Belafonte, Harry Chapin (posthumously) and fellow artists Willie Nelson and John Cougar Mellenchamp, organizers of Farm Aid.
- On April 28th, many of you may have seen the special presentation of TEXAS 150: A celebration Special (ABC-TV), where Kenny participated with other famous Texans in a salute to their state's Sesquicentennial. To Kenny, Sissy Spacek, Sandy Duncan, Mac Davis and Johnny Cash, to name just a few, Texas has much to be proud of.

 ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) honored Kenny at their Pop Dinner Awards on May 28th, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, for his songs "Crazy" and "What About Me" as the Most Performed songs during 1985.

 And, of course, we were delighted to see Kenny entertaining at the grandest birthday party of the year, during the July 4th weekend Salute To Lady Liberty. The three-day celebration paid tribute to America's symbol of freedom with entertainment by other noted celebrities as, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash, Liza Minnelli, Shirley MacLaine, Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, to a special sports salute, to dignitaries joining President Reagan's relighting of Lady Liberty's torch. The exciting extravaganza, with "the largest fireworks display in U.S. history," was produced by David Wolper for ABC-TV.

Congratulations, everyone!

#### **BRIEF NOTES:**

- Kenny, Marianne and Christopher Cody wish to thank you for your lovely Easter cards, Mother's Day and Father's Day remembrances.
- What famous Leo is celebrating a birthday on August 21st? Kenny is. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### **INSIDE MOVES!!!**

Exciting news, everyone! An entirely NEW Membership Kit is being designed—with all new pictures and updated news on Kenny Rogers, plus a stunning new poster.

Look for details in your December '86 issue of the newsletter.

#### PEN PAL PEN PAL PEN PALS!

Twenty-three year old Donna Marie Jaszczak (7/19/62) is looking for Kenny Rogers fans to pal with. Interested "gals and USA pals" can write to:

Donna Marie Jaszczak 6 Fairchild Place Buffalo, NY 14216

#### LETTERS TO KENNY

Kenny,

Congratulations! "The People's Choice" Award that is!

It was good to see all of your family, too. A handsome bunch!!

Orthea Yelenovsky Pittsburgh, PA

Dear Orthea, Thank you!

Kenny

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#### WILL THE REAL KENNY & DOLLY PLEASE STAND UP!

- A) Patsy Ann Garrison of New Caney, TX, sent us her delightful picture of the "real" Kenny & Dolly—taken during their Houston concert last October.
- B) When Linda McCarver, principal of Magnolia Intermediate School in Magnolia, TX, invited Kenny to join her act in the "Nine to Five" portion of their PTA "Friday Night Live" Fundraiser last April, we wrote to tell her that Kenny had a previous engagement and that we'd be sending his "stand-in" to look over

His "stand-in" arrived safe and sound and was the highlight of Ms. McCarver's act. (None of us can recall ever having a principal that looked like

Ms. McCarver).

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September 11 Thursday

September 12 Friday

September 13 Saturday September 14 Sunday

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September 19 Friday

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Chicago, IL Brookfield Zoo Show Time: 8:00 PM Quebec City, Canada Quebec Coliseum Show Time: 8:00 PM

St. John, New Brunswick, Canada University of New Brunswick Show Time: 2:00 PM

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada Halifax Metro Center Show Time: 8:30 PM

Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada University of Cape Breton College Show Time: 9:00 PM

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada St. John's Memorial Stadium Show Time: 6:00 & 9:00 PM

Pittsburgh, PA
Three Rivers Stadium (Discovery Day)
Pittsburgh Pirates & Atlanta Braves Game
Show Time: Approx. 5:00 or 6:00 PM

Syracuse, NY New York State Fair (Fairgrounds) Show Time: 6:00 & 9:00 PM

Highland Heights, OH Front Row Theatre Show Times: Sat. 7:00 & 10:00 PM Sun. 4:00 & 7:30 PM

Allentown, PA Allentown Fair Show Time: 8:00 PM Saginaw, MI Saginaw Civic Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Kalamazoo, MI Wings Stadium Show Time: 8:00 PM LaCrosse, WI LaCrosse Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM

Springfield, IL

Prairie Capital Convention Center Show Time: 8:00 PM Evansville, IN Roberts Municipal Stadium Show Time: 8:00 PM

Dayton, OH University of Dayton Arena Show Time: 7:00 PM

Lakeland, FL Lakeland Civic Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Pensacola, FL Pensacola Civic Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Jackson, MS Mississippi Coliseum Show Time: 8:00 PM

Monroe, LA Monroe Civic Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Ft. Smith, AR Arkansas-Oklahoma State Fairground Harper Stadium Show Time: 7:00 & 9:00 PM

Baton Rouge, LA LSU Assembly Center Show Time: 7:00 PM

Landover, MD Capital Centre Show Time: 8:00 PM Philadelphia, PA Spectrum Snow Time: 8:00 PM East Rutherford, NJ

Meadowlands Show Time: 8:00 PM Uniondale, NY Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum Show Time: 7:00 PM

Rochester, NY Community War Memorial Show Time: 8:00 PM

Detroit, MI Joe Louis Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM

Toronto, Canada Maple Leaf Gardens Show Time: 8:00 PM DATE

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada Montreal Forum Show Time: 8:00 PM Lake Placid, NY Olympic Arena Complex Show Time: 8:00 PM

Augusta, ME Augusta Civic Center Show Time: 7:00 PM

Houston, TX Summit Show Time: 8:00 PM

Dallas, TX Reunion Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM Corpus Christi, TX Memorial Coliseum Show Time: 3:00 & 7:00 PM

Oklahoma City, OK Myriad Convention Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Shreveport, LA Hirsch Memorial Coliseum Show Time: 8:00 PM Memphis, TN Mid-South Coliseum

Fairgrounds Show Time: 8:00 PM

Birmingham, AL Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Murfreesboro, TN MTSU Murphy Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Atlanta, GA Omni Show Time: 7:00 PM

Tulsa, OK Oral Roberts University Show Time: 8:00 PM

Kansas City, MO Kemper Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM

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Indianapolis, IN Market Square Arena Show Time: 7:00 PM

Rockford, IL Venue: TBA Show Time: TBA Sioux Falls, SD Venue: TBA Show Time: TBA

Wichita, KS Venue: TBA Show Time: TBA St. Louis, MO Venue: TBA Show Times: TBA

New York, NY World Hunger Media Awards

Madison, WI Dane County Expo Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

Toledo, OH University of Toledo Show Time: 7:00 PM

Hershey, PA Hershey Park Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM Binghamton, NY Broome County Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM

Hartford, CT

Hartford Civic Center Show Time: Approx. 9:45 PM (following basketball game) Worcester, MA

Centrum Show Times: Sat. 8:00 PM Sun. 7:00 PM

Atlantic City, NJ Venue: TBA Show Times: TBA

# JUGERS 1 **HELLO:** It seems as though the 1987. doing them. Now that we're in the sharing.

NEWSLETTER

year has been speeding by so quickly, and here we are again looking forward to

We've put together some new things for this year's final issue that we hope you'll enjoy. We've enjoyed

midst of the Holiday Season, we can take some time to reflect on how special it is to all of us. It's a time for family, friends and loved ones. A time for celebration and

Again, I want to thank you for sharing in my life, and for your continued support and interest. As always, I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Best wishes,



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### K E N N Y R O G E

From the dramatic skylines of its great cities to the serene vistas and overpowering landscapes that are part of its natural heritage, America is a diverse, even mysterious, country. Over the past year, I have crisscrossed this land many times. Along the way, I have found what seems to be an inexhaustible treasury of visual riches. Both in the stillness of places far removed from urban life, and in the bustling centers of America's great cities, I have photographed some of this country's most alluring and intriguing physical assets. In the process of shooting this book, I have come to know an America whose inhabitants have many faces, whose cities stimulate the eye in countless ways, and whose varied landscapes create many moods and rhythms. Doing this project has

been one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. It has brought me in closer contact with the skylines and vistas of this country's great urban and rural landscapes. And, perhaps even more important, it has opened up a whole new way of seeing the world around me.

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#### A SPECIAL

What do fan club members Jean Tramel, Gayle Cantley and Linda "Cookie" Hill, of Shreveport, Louisiana, have in common?

They've travelled in their special van named "The Gambler" over 20,000 miles to nine states during the past eight years to see Kenny in concert!

And, they were honored at a special 50th Anniversary Party during his Shreveport, Louisiana concert (October 29th). Over fifty guests attended, including Kenny's mother Lucille Rogers, his brothers Lelan, Roy, and



#### ANNIVERS

Randy, and his sister Sandy. The trio and guests enjoyed a special anniversary cake. Kenny shared with them in the "traditional first cut," and surprised them with autographed copies of his book "Kenny Rogers' America."

Nicknamed "The Shreveport Flashers" by Kenny (for taking hundreds of "flash" pictures from the front rows of his concerts), the three women were further honored when Mayor Hussey officially proclaimed October 29, 1986 as "Shreveport Flashers Day."

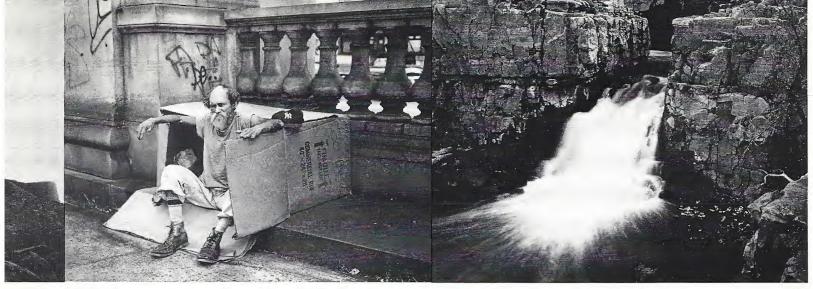
Congratulations everyone!



A.) L. to R. Linda "Cookie" Hill, Kenny, Jean Tramel, mother Lucille Rogers and Gayle Cantley enjoy

a story about the infamous three.

- B.) Kenny and "The Shreveport Flashers" enjoy another reminiscence before cutting the cake in honor of the trio's 50th Kenny Rogers concert.
- C.) Lelan Rogers (Vice President, KRP) jokes with "The Shreveport Flashers" (off camera) as Kenny prepares to greet the guests of honor, and Nancy Marcussen (party coordinator) looks on.



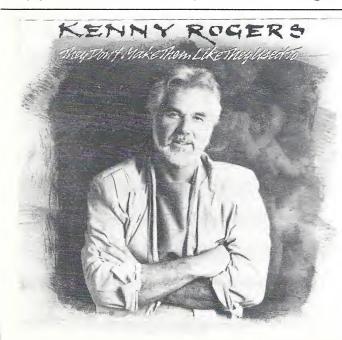
# RS'AMERICA

With the release of KENNY ROGERS' AMERICA in October, many of you may have had the opportunity to have seen selections of his beautiful photographs when he hosted "The Tonight Show" (September 22nd), and during his appearance on "The Today Show" and "Donahue" (October 6th). He was also able to make a few selected booksigning appearances in conjunc-

tion with his concert tours this fall, with a final booksigning appearance at Rich's Bookstore in Atlanta, Georgia (December 17th). An exhibit of his work was presented at the prestigious Whitikin Gallery in New York during October and Tom Johnson, the Publisher of the Los Angeles Times, hosted a book party for Kenny at his photography studio in Los Angeles (October 14th).

On Saturday, November 1st, Kenny's photo exhibit opened at the *Country Music Hall of Fame* in Nashville, Tennessee, where a selection of twenty of his photographs will be on display through October 31, 1987 for public viewing.

And through the courtesy of his publishers, Little, Brown And Company, we are able to share stills of four of his photographs from his book in this issue.



# They Don't Make Them Like They listed To

The title of his hit single and theme from the motion picture "Tough Guys," Kenny's "THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE THEY USED TO" is his newest album on RCA.

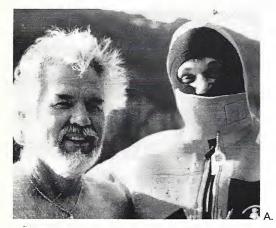
In this latest collection Kenny interprets each song as if it were a shining jewel, reminding us of the things in our lives we wish we could sing...love, friendships, dreams, challenges, memories...life itself. There are so many fantastic new songs on the album that it's hard to single out one without slighting the others—but, his "TWENTY YEARS AGO," written by Michael Spriggs, Wood Newton, Dan Tyler and Michael Noble, is outstanding.

The album was produced by the talented Jay Graydon, David Malloy, Kenny Mims, and Burt Bacharach and Carole Bayer Sager who also wrote the title song.

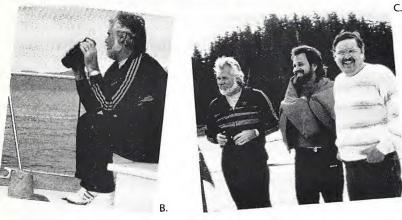
To coin a phrase..."They don't make 'em like they used to." (Editor's note: Look for "TWENTY YEARS AGO" as Kenny's next single on RCA.)

# ASKA

ALASKA IN JULY...When Kenny played Anchorage, Alaska in July, he and his staff were able to spend some time at sea on a fishing boat.

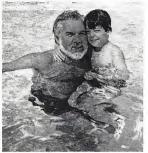


A.) Kenny braved the wind chills while Rob Pinkus suited up, in a thermal wetsuit, before he plunged into the 32° waters. B.) Kenny wanted to get a closer look at an incredibly a closer look at an incredibly large glacier looming on the horizon.
C.) Kenny, Rob Pinkus (Security) and Larry Hancock (General Manager, KRP) look a bit bemused by band member Robby Daviel (off member Bobby Daniels' (off camera) attempt at fishing.



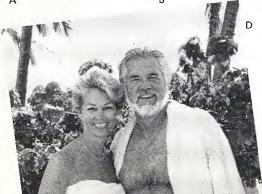
Marianne and Christopher Cody joined Kenny during his October concert in Hawaii, where the entire family spent a few extra days for a well deserved vacation.

They've graciously shared their vacation pictures that they thought you may enjoy seeing.

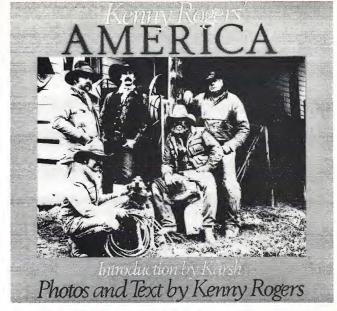








A.) Dad and Christopher Cody making up. B.) Mom joins Dad and Christopher Cody for a swim. C.) Mom, Dad and Christopher Cody on the island of Lanai. D.) Kenny and Marianne after a swim.



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#### IN THE WORKS!!

Kenny is currently filming a video of his single "TWENTY YEARS AGO" for MTV, and he's shooting a new television special, during his concert tours, to be aired later in the season. Check the TV section of your local newspapers for air dates.

#### **BRIEF NOTES:**

- Kenny and Marianne wish to thank you for your wonderful birthday cards and anniversary remembrances.
- Founded and sponsored by Kenny and Marianne Rogers, the Fifth Annual World Hunger Media Awards were presented in a ceremony at the United Nations, in New York, on November 25th.
- December 4th marks Christopher Cody's fifth birthday. Happy Birthday, Christopher!
- The Southland Farmers' Market Association, Los Angeles, California, has chosen Kenny to be their first national award recipient, in recognition for his work on behalf of the plight of the American farmer and the issues of world hunger.
- Kenny, Marianne, family and staff want to wish all of you a safe and memorable Holiday Season. Have a Happy New Year, everyone, and we'll see you next spring.

#### LETTERS TO KENNY

(We received this lovely letter from Barbara S.Trouland. Rather than our telling Kenny, we thought it would be nice to let you do it.)

"Hope you do at least see Kenny long enough to tell him how much he is loved and appreciated for the fine example he is, as a goal (for ourselves) ... that no matter how rough things get, not to give up. But, just keep trying to do the best that you can possibly do and somehow things will work out.

This is why I like to watch him. It's not always what is being said that counts. It's the effect he has on our outlook on life, that he projects, when he talks and sings. And, this means a lot when you're trying to sift through life's problems." Sincerely,

Barbara S. Trouland, York, PA

Dear Barbara

I sincerely appreciate your kind comments and am happy to learn that your reactions are positive. I've always felt that positive role-modeling is important. It has been in my life, and it certainly helps to give us perspective in dealing with life's challenges.

Thank you for your letter. Sincerely, Kenny

# NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! MEMBERSHIP KIT

A brand new membership kit has been designed for the fan club. It includes:

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- An autographed 8 x 10 picture of Kenny in black and white.
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#### PEN PAL PEN PAL PEN PALS!

Member Mary Lou Catapano never misses Kenny when he appears at the Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale, NY. She is the mother of five who "loves kids and people." Mary Lou enjoys writing letters and would love to correspond with other Kenny fans.

Write to: Mrs. Mary Lou Catapano 2585 Davenport Place N. Bellmore, NY 11710

Bob Brink and Laurie Daniels have written to say, "we would love to write to your wonderful fans (and), we really like the picture that Kenny sent to us!" Those wishing to correspond to Illinois fans...

Write to: Bob Brink Laurie Daniels 12927 S. Monitor Avenue Palos Heights, IL 60463

# Kenny and Marianne Salute The Very Courageous and Special Young People

Sandy Burns Oxford, OH

Christine Darner Lowell, IN

Lorraine Kerbel Easton, PA

Angela Pack South Solon, OH

Tawnya Saunders Darbydale, OH

Paul Tieman Rochester, MN





We've received so many terrific pictures of Kenny in concert from you, we didn't know which ones to choose for this issue. We were perplexed to say the least!

So, your President Jo Anne Cooper came up with a solution..."Why not turn them all face-down on the club's office floor and pick two for our FAN CORNER Column."

Great idea, Jo Anne! We did. And here they are...
A) Kenny's concert at Lee Civic Center—North Fort Myers, FL (Dec. '85).
Taken by: Mrs. Patty Greenhalg, Golden Gate, FL
B) Kenny in concert at Peoria Civic Center—Peoria, IL
Submitted by: Sonya Stanton, Normal, IL

Thank you for your wonderful photos.

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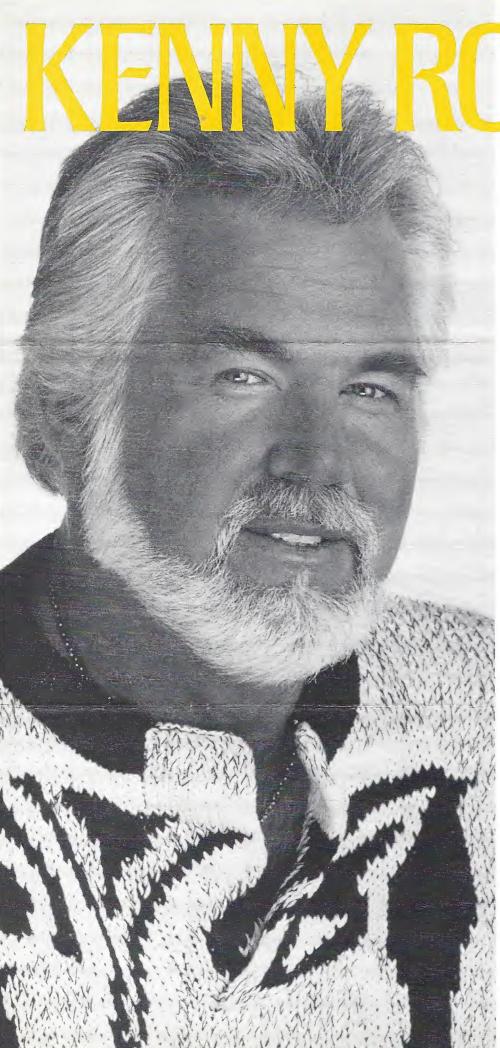
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January 3 Saturday	San Carlos, CA Circle Star Theatre Show Time: 7:30 PM	January 8, 9, 10, Thursday, Friday & Saturday	Las Vegas, NV The Golden Nugget, Show Times: TBA			
January 4 Sunday	Sacramento, CA, Arco Arena Show Time: 7:30 PM	January 11 & 12, Sunday & Monday	Phoenix, AZ Celebrity Theatre, Show Times: 7:00 &			
January 6 Tuesday	Portland, OR Memorial Coliseum Show Time: 8:00 PM		10:00 PM			
Australia/New Zealand Tour						

DATE January 28 Wednesday	VENUE Perth, Australia TBA	DATE February 19 Thursday	VENUE Canberra, Australia TBA
February 3, 4, 5 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	Melbourne, Australia TBA	February 21 & 22 Saturday & Sunday	Sydney, Australia TBA
February 8 Sunday	Hobart, Australia TBA	February 24 & 25 Tuesday & Wednesday	Brisbane, Australia TBA
February 13 Friday	Adelaide, Australia TBA	February 28 Saturday	Auckland, New Zealand TBA



### FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

#### **HELLO:**

Wonderful news everyone! We are relocating our corporate and fan club headquarters to the heart of country music this summer—Nashville, Tennessee, where I plan on doing a lot of recording.

1987 seems to be the year of great changes for many of us. And, we wanted to let you know that this is the reason for the slight delay in the spring issue of your newsletter.

Marianne and I wanted to wait until Christopher Cody finished school in June before moving to our farm in Georgia, where we will enroll him for the fall semester. We wanted to let you know our plans, as any move creates delays in the normal flow of things. So, please bear with us and be assured that things will be back on track as usual.

Please take note of our new address. And, we look forward to keeping you abreast of our new projects in your summer newsletter—from exciting Nashville!

Best wishes,

FGERNS!

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#### BEHIND THE SCENES: THE DOLE PINEAPPLE COMMERCIAL

As the new celebrity spokesman for Dole Foods, Kenny shot his first commercial for them in Hawaii. The lush 60-second spot was directed by Bob Giraldi, the celebrated video and specials director, who also directed Kenny in "Kenny & Dolly: A Christmas To Remember" (CBS-TV Special, Dec. '84).

Let's take a look behind the scenes...

A. Director Bob Giraldi and crew get ready for the MASTER SHOT. B. MOVING SHOT–Kenny riding through pineapple fields in the rain. C. He moves into a TIGHT SHOT. D. Circling into a FULL SHOT. E. The TWO SHOT. F. The final CLOSE-UP. Perfect!

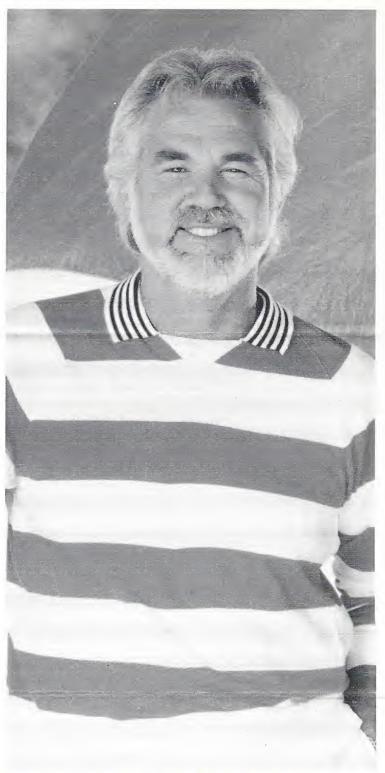












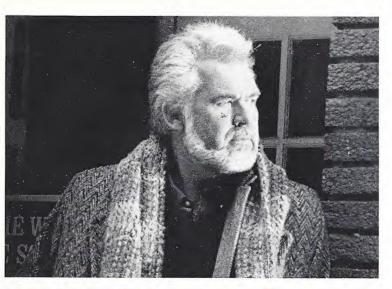
# SPORT THE KENNY ROGERS LOOK THIS SPRING

by Carol Huber

Combining a nautical motif with red, white and blue colors, the *Kenny Rogers Collection* sportswear line is featured in the J. C. Penney spring catalog.

"Clothes should reflect a feeling, a way of life," says Kenny. The J. C. Penney spring line is designed with Kenny's lifestyle in mind. It fits perfectly in the wardrobe of a man on the move who demands quality, casual clothing. Featured in the catalog on pages 376 and 377 are rugby shirts, shaker-knit sweaters, poplin shorts and fashionable Hawaiian print shirts.

Look for more exciting news on the expansion of the Kenny Rogers sportswear line in your next newsletter.



# TWENTY YEARS AGO:

"IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I WALKED
THROUGH THIS OLD TOWN
BUT, OH HOW THE MEMORIES START TO FLOW
'N THERE'S THE OLD MOVIE HOUSE
THEY FINALLY CLOSED IT DOWN
YOU COULD FIND ME THERE EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
TWENTY YEARS AGO"

from "TWENTY YEARS AGO"
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His hands thrust deep inside his overcoat pockets and his collar turns up against the cold fall air. A man has returned to his old home town. Memories of his youth replay themselves in his mind's eye as the man walks alone down deserted streets.

"Twenty Years Ago" is a haunting visual narrative of days gone by. A glance into the drugstore window and another memory comes into play—the Saturday morning ritual of meeting there with friends so many years before. Seeing a familiar landmark...a house, a window... brings back recollections of the friends, the neighbors, the good times of easier yesterdays. A store window sparks another image...his best friend who joined the army and didn't return home in 1964.

Kenny's brilliant video was filmed entirely on location in Clarksville, Tennessee during his fall concert tour. His youngest brother Randy Rogers portrays in memory self, and Clarksville residents play the

teenagers in the memory sequences.

From his CBS-TV special Kenny Rogers Working America, filmed on location during his concert tours (that aired March 27th), "Twenty Years Ago" was produced by Ken Yates and Howard Malley, directed by David Hogan and beautifully photographed by Bill Pope. Look for "Twenty Years Ago" on MTV and VH-1 cable television.

#### **REUNITED AGAIN**

Kenny is reuniting with longtime friend and producer Larry Butler on his latest album project for RCA. He's "returning to his roots" in his new country music album, with songs by top writers in the field.

Over the years, Kenny and Larry Butler's musical collaboration produced a string of hit singles and albums—"The Gambler," "Love Lifted Me," "Daytime Friends," and "Love Or Something Like It" to cite a few of their gold and platinumn awarded works. Other noted producers will be joining them on the exciting project.

Look for an update in your summer newsletter.

# RESISTOL JOINS KENNY ROGERS

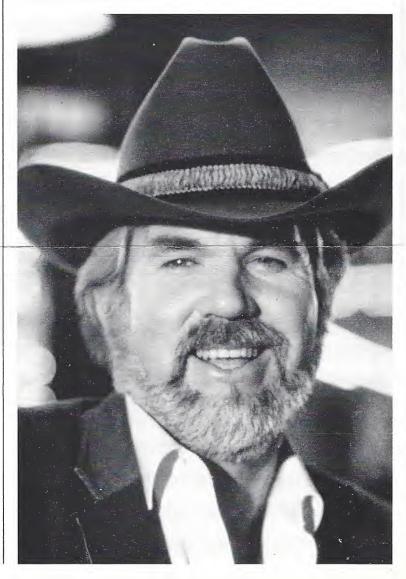
by Carol Huber

Resistol Hats is the newest licensee of the *Kenny Rogers Collection*, bringing to seven the total number of licensees and allowing the Collection to offer an entire head to toe wardrobe of clothing and accessories.

The association was recently announced at the Denver Western Market by Irving Joel, President of Resistol Hats and Carol Huber, representing the Kenny Rogers Organization. Joel said, "We are pleased to be able to associate ourselves with Kenny. His appeal to the public as an entertainer and family man is certainly a compliment to his character and the industry in which he performs:"

Resistol will be supplying Kenny with his personal preference in hats, and possibly a "limited edition" on a selected item or items.

Resistol produces a variety of western hats for men, women and children, including wool and fur felts and summer straws. The company joins America's Bootmaker, Circle S, Karman, Lyntone Belts, Award Design Medals and Schott Brothers in the Kenny Rogers Western Collection.



#### **COMING ATTRACTIONS!**

The saga of KENNY ROGERS AS THE GAMBLER returns. Kenny will be filming his new "Gambler III" sequel on location during June and July for a fall airdate on CBS-TV.

"The Down Under Tour," with news and pictures of Kenny & Dolly's latest Australian tour, and pictures of Kenny and Marianne with *American Cup* winner Dennis Connor on the "Stars and Stripes" yacht.

Look for more exciting news about The Gambler's latest adventures and the Down Under Tour in the summer newsletter!



#### **BRIEF NOTES:**

- A special thank you from Kenny, Marianne, Christopher Cody and staff for your wonderful Christmas and Valentines cards. And, Marianne sends her thanks for your many lovely Birthday remembrances.
- A reminder that KENNY ROGERS' AMERICA photo exhibit can still be seen through October 31st at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum:

4 Music Square East, Nashville, TN 37203

 Congratulations are in store for Kenny, Dolly Parton and Lee Greenwood who were awarded honors by the French magazine Country Hits during their Montreal, Canada concert. Dolly garnered their "Glad You're Back" plaque, Kenny received their Humanitarian Award and Lee Greenwood took the songwriting award.

#### IN APPRECIATION

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

by Kim Ratchford

Kenny was honored with a special plaque during his Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania concert stop last September. The plaque was presented on behalf of the Geisinger Medical Center Children's Hospital in appreciation for his contributions to their celebrity auction portion of their annual telethon.

Kenny's devotion to our nation's children is highly commendable, and his willingness to donate his time so generously to these causes is one of the many reasons he is so special to us. We thank him for all of his efforts and look forward to his continued support.

The Children's Miracle Network Telethon airs on ABC-TV May 30th, 9:00 PM (EST). Please watch and help to "Make a Miracle Happen."



At Right: Fan club member Kim Ratchford, an employee of Geisinger Medical Center Children's Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania, presents Kenny with an award for his support of the hospital's division of the Osmond Family produced Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

At Left: Ricardo Villareal, chairman of the Annual Corpus Christi Toy Bowl, and his wife Mireya graciously honored Kenny with the organization's "plaque of appreciation" during his Corpus Christi, Texas concert last October. Kenny has participated for several years in their annual Christmas fundraising celebration, by donating gifts that are distributed to underprivileged children.



#### PEN PAL PEN PAL PEN PALS!

Club members since 1983 and avid Kenny Rogers fans, George and Linda Hanna would like to hear from other club members.

Write to: George and Linda Hanna 10518 Westlake Dr. #103 Bethesda, MD 20817

As a surprise, Mrs. Edward Snipp sent in a picture of her Kenny-look-alike husband. Edward is 47 years old, loves country music and would like to write to other Kenny Rogers fans.

Write to: Edward Snipp 17, Montcalm Road Charlton, London SE7 8Q9 ENGLAND



#### TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

Dear Friends:

It has been my pleasure being the President of Kenny's fan club and getting to know so many of you through your letters and phone calls. We've all shared a bond because of our respect and love for Kenny and his music.

I'm proud to have been a part of Kenny's world and a part of the wonderful fans that have supported Kenny in all his endeavors.

I will certainly miss all of you, but am pleased to know you will be in the capable hands of the staff that takes over in Nashville.

Love, Jo Anne Cooper President

Dear Friends:

Now that our offices are moving to the heart of country music, I wanted to tell you what a pleasure it has been for me to have worked as editor on your newsletter these past five years.

It has been my pleasure to bring you news on our favorite guy—Mr. Kenny Rogers. And, I want to let you know how much I've enjoyed meeting so many of you via our telephone conversations and your wonderful letters.

I send my very best to your new staff and wish you a long and continued friendship. Enjoy Nashville everyone!

Love, Susan Alcott Editor

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank all of you for being such wonderful friends and fans. Also, for all the great letters and phone calls. I am going to miss hearing from you.

Best wishes, Windi Corso Public Relations Assistant

Dear Friends

Goodbye, I'll miss you. Enjoy Nashville. Best wishes, Michael Topete Club Gifts/Shipping Manager



Drawing by Kenny Martell

#### LETTERS TO KENNY

Dear Kenny & Staff:

It's been a long time since I last wrote to you. I like the new design "Kenny Rogers" on the envelope. I've got Kenny's new album "They Don't Make Them Like They Used To," and I really enjoyed listening to the songs. The two best songs are (I think) "They Don't Make Them Like They Used To" and "Twenty Years Ago." I think it would be good to make a movie about "Twenty Years Ago," or make a Biography about Kenny.

I would like to know if he would like to go up in the shuttle...when people go in the future. Do you think that in twenty years time there will be such a space craft like the one on *Star Trek*, "The Enterprise," cause they have the technology to say, "it's logical"?

I drew a picture of Kenny, but it looked so good

I wanted to keep it. So, I decided to send you a photocopy.

Kenny, say hello to Christopher and Marianne for me. Hope you like the picture.

. Your friend, Kenny Martell St. Peter's, Nova Scotia

Thank you for your letter, and we're happy to hear you enjoy the new album. Those are two of my favorite songs, too.

About the space shuttle question: I would find it exciting to make such a trip and, as for a craft like "The Enterprise," anything could be possible in the next twenty years.

Thank you for the terrific drawing, and Marianne

and Christopher say hello.

Best. Kenny & Staff

#### THOSE FANTASTIC FANS!

Reports have it that fans were camping out, during 18° below 0°F weather, to buy tickets for Kenny's Glens Falls, New York concert (March 18).

Radio Station WESC treated South Carolina fans, who camped out to buy tickets to his Greenville concert (March 29th), to complimentary coffee, biscuits, rolls and can's of Dole Pineapple to ease morning hunger pangs after their all-night vigil.



Nineteen and one-half year old Maria Antoinette "Toni" Lowrey met Kenny during his Baton Rouge, Louisiana concert last September. Toni attends Tara High School and would like a fan club pen pal.

Write to: Miss Toni Lowrey 5967 Victor Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70805

#### **NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!** MEMBERSHIP KIT

A brand new membership kit has been designed for the fan club.

- The official fan club folder, printed with Kenny's new TOUR LOGO, to hold all of your fan club items.
- A beautiful COLOR poster of Kenny, available only to fan club members.
- Two FULL COLOR 8 x 10 photographs of Kenny.
- An autographed 8 x 10 picture of Kenny in black and white.
- A Kenny Rogers Biography—the story of his career with pictures.
- A Kenny Rogers Fact Sheet detailing personal facts about Kenny and his family.
- A Kenny Rogers Discography, tracing his single and album releases, listing the dates, catalogue numbers, record companies and individual song
- Your Kenny Rogers Fan Club membership card.
- Your official Membership Certificate.

For a new Fan Club Kit only, send \$5.00, which covers printing costs, postage and handling to: KENNY ROGERS FAN CLUB-New Kit

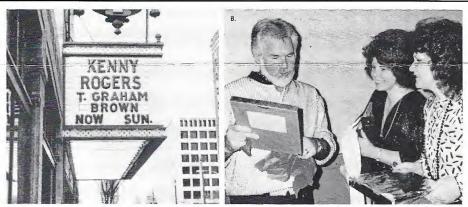
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Young Kevin Tines' impersonation of Kenny was the show-stopper during The Wyoming Society For Cripple Children and Adults' "Talent Night" presentation last August. Kevin's perfect rendition of Lady brought cheers from the camp audience.

#### Kenny and Marianne Salute The Very Courageous and Special Young People

Patty Barrand • Woodburn, IN Riginald Bibbs • Houston, TX John H. Carl • Bassier City, LA Cynthia E. Church • Norton, VA Kim Crawford • Tulare, CA Troy Fitch • Louisville, KY Katie Makowski • Saint Cloud, FL Judith McGinley • Pittsburgh, PA Jeffrey Mitchell • Rome, PA Susan D. Porter • Walnut, CA Tammy Reid • Granite Falls, NC Timothy Ray Shipp • Virginia Beach, VA Kevin Tines • Mt. Vernon, ND Jonathan P. Walker • Parkersburg, WV



When Kenny performed in the "Superstar Series" at Atlanta, Georgia's "Fabulous Fox" Theatre last December, fan club member Sharman Pirkle and her sister Susan Bradley

The atre last December, fan club member Sharman Pirkle and her sister Susan Bradley made certain they had tickets for all seven of his concerts.

Since it was Kenny's premiere engagement at the historic theatre, Sharman and Susan wanted to do something extra special in honor of the occasion. So, they decided to make a needlepoint replica of the "Fabulous Fox" with Kenny's name on the marquee.

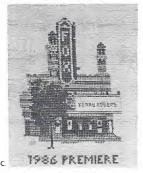
To add icing to the top of their cake, they were invited to participate in the audience portion during the filming of a sequence of Kenny's television special. And, when the theatre management saw the striking needlepoint, they asked if the women would make a second one for the Fox Archives. "On one condition," Sharman stated, "Only if we can put Kenny's pame on the marculee."

put Kenny's name on the marquee!"

Sharman and Susan's "Fabulous Fox" needlepoint—with Kenny's name on the marquee will be hung alongside his photograph in the theatre archives. Congratulations everyone!

A. The actual Fox Theatre marquee

- B. Sharman Pirkle (center) and Susan Bradley (right) present Kenny with their Fox Theatre needlepoint in honor of his premiere engagement.
- . Sharman's and Susan's "Fabulous Fox" needlepoint, to commemorate Kenny's premiere engagement at the historic theatre, is now a permanent addition to the Fox Theatre Archives.



#### **KENNY ROGERS**

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We have a new address. Please take note of it for membership correspondence.

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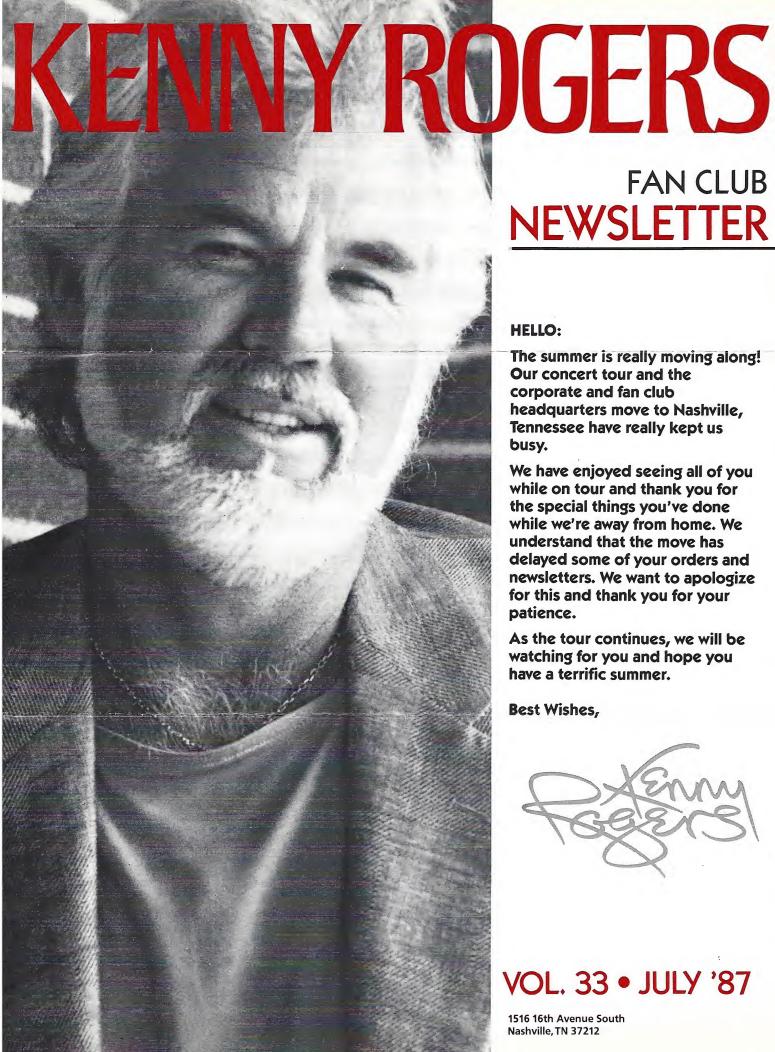
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Show Times: 6:00 & 10:00 PM



NOTE: Concert dates, venues and showtimes are subject to change. Dates may be cancelled or added. Watch your local newspapers.

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Friday	Columbia, SC University of South Carolina Carolina Coliseum Show Time: 8:00 PM	June 13 Saturday	Warwick, RI Warwick Musical Theatre Show Times: 7:00 & 10:30 PM
May 2 Saturday	Jacksonville, FL Memorial Coliseum Show Time: 8:00 PM	June 14 Sunday	Cohasset, MA South Shore Music Circus Show Times: 4:00 & 8:00 PM
May 3 Sunday	Miami, FL Miami Marine Stadium Show Time: 7:30 PM	June & July	Filming GAMBLER III on location for fall airdate on CBS
May 21 Thursday	Albuquerque, NM University of New Mexico Show Time: 8:00 PM	August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Valley Forge, PA TBA
May 22 Friday	Las Cruces, NM New Mexico State University Show Time: 8:00 PM	August 27 Thursday	Middleton, NY TBA
May 23 Saturday	Tucson, AZ Tucson Community Center Show Time: 8:00 PM	August 28 Friday	Saratoga, NY TBA
May 24 Sunday	Laguna Hills, CA Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre Show Time: 8:00 PM	August 29 Saturday	Syracuse, NY TBA
May 25 Monday	San Diego, CA San Diego State University Open Air Theatre Show Times: 5:00 & 9:00 PM	August 30 Sunday	Scranton, PA TBA
May 27 Wednesday	Fresno, CA Selland Arena Show Time: 8:00 PM	September 25, 26 & 27 Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Highland Heights, OH TBA
May 28, 29, 30 & 31 Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Universal City, CA Universal Amphitheatre Show Times: TBA	September 29 & 30, October 1, 2, 3 & 4 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Westbury, NY TBA
June 4, 5 & 6 Thursday, Friday* & Saturday*	Merrillville, IN Holiday Star Theatre Show Times: 8:00 PM (Thursday) 7 & 10:30 PM* (Friday & Saturday)*	October 6 (tentative) Tuesday	Warwick, RI TBA
June 7 Sunday	Columbia, MD Merriweather Post Pavillion Show Time: 7:30 PM	October 19 Monday	Albany, NY TBA
June 8 Monday	Bethlehem, PA Lehigh University Show Time: 8:00 PM	November 11 & 12 Wednesday & Thursday	Milwaukee, WI TBA
June 10 Wednesday	North Tonowanda, NY Melody Fair Show Times: 6:00 & 9:30 PM	November 13, 14 & 15 Friday, Saturday & Sunday	St. Louis, MO TBA
June 11 Thursday	Latham, NY Coliseum Theatre Show Times: 6:00 & 9:30 PM	December 11, 12 & 13 Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Atlanta, GA TBA
June 12	Wallingford, CT		



### **FAN CLUB** FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

#### **HELLO:**

The summer is really moving along! Our concert tour and the corporate and fan club headquarters move to Nashville, Tennessee have really kept us busy.

We have enjoyed seeing all of you while on tour and thank you for the special things you've done while we're away from home. We understand that the move has delayed some of your orders and newsletters. We want to apologize for this and thank you for your patience.

As the tour continues, we will be watching for you and hope you have a terrific summer.

Best Wishes,



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### **AUSTRALIA**

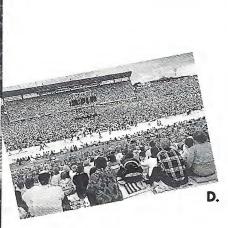
From January to March, Kenny was on tour in Australia. Some of the places that he appeared were Melborne, Perth, Hobart and Sydney. Everyone had a wonderful time as these pictures show.

A. Kenny, Marianne and Christopher at the zoo in Melborne. B. The family and friend. C. Enjoying a closer look. D. 35,000 fans in New Zealand. E. Kenny and Koala. F. Joining Dennis Conner on the "Stars & Stripes."

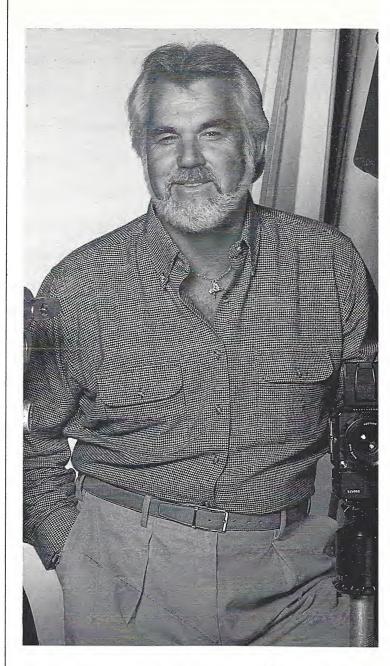










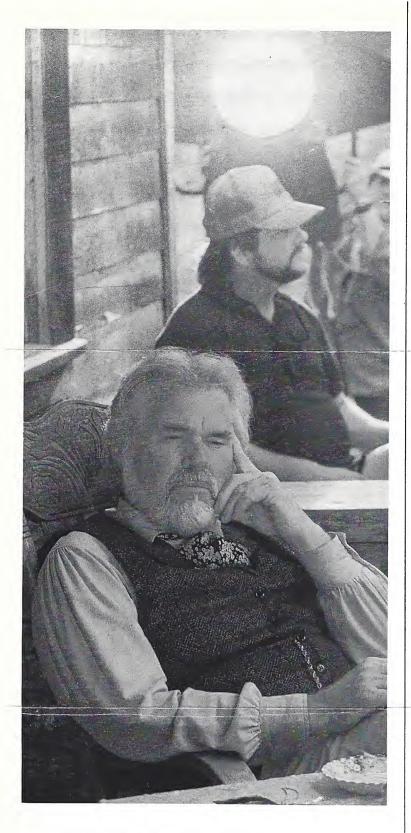


#### KENNY ROGERS SPORTSWEAR

by Carol Huber

With the success of the Kenny Rogers sportswear collection in its Fall/Winter 1986 and Spring/Summer 1987 catalogs, J.C. Penney elected to expand Kenny's sportswear line into approximately two hundred metropolitan stores beginning this fall. Kenny's merchandise will be carried in the men's collection department, along with other J.C. Penney and designer collection labels such as Alan Flusser. Among the line's standouts are weathered stripe and washed pique knil shirts, a long-sleeved stripe shirt and a pant in khaki and white.

Kenny was on hand June 3 at the Men's Fashion Association's Fall/Winter 1987 Press Preview at the Ryetow Hilton in Rye Brook, New York, where the J.C. Penney announcement was made. Commenting during the pre conference about his participation in the line, Kenny sai "I wanted to get into something that was casual and sporty, that I could personally wear and feel comfortab wearing. The line is a perfect reflection of me."



#### **GAMBLER III**

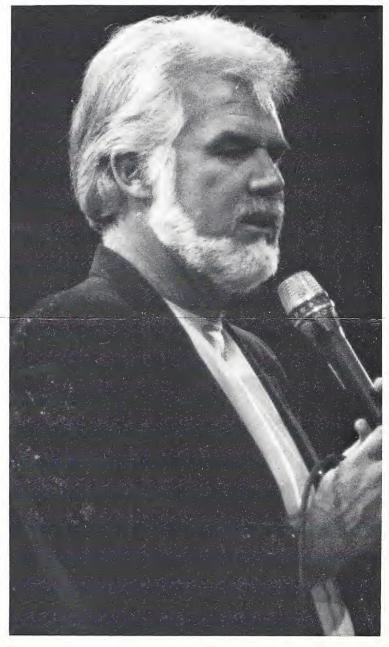
The movie "Gambler III", in which Kenny will reprise his role as Brady Hawkes began filming June 24th. Also starring are Bruce Boxlightner ("The Scarecrow and Mrs. King") and Linda Gray ("Dallas"). In this CBS mini-series set in 1890, Brady tries to prevent a major confrontation between the Sioux Indian faction and the corrupt individuals from the United States government who are trying to take advantage of the Indian nation. The location site for Gambler III is Santa Fe, New Mexico.

#### **ROGERS AND MILSAP**

When two high-powered super music stars such as Kenny Rogers and Ronnie Milsap converge in the studio, the explosion of talent that results is guaranteed to rattle the airwaves. "Make No Mistake, She's Mine," a contemporary ballad penned by Kim Carnes, pits Rogers and Milsap as competing suitors.

Rogers and Milsap kicked around the idea of a duet during their current USA tour together and one day Rogers handed Milsap a copy of "Make No Mistake, She's Mine" to see what he thought of it. Milsap agreed it was the perfect vehicle for the two recording stars. "Working in the studio with Kenny was really fulfilling, but above all it was just plain fun," said Milsap.

RCA will release "Make No Mistake, She's Mine" on both Rogers' and Milsap's upcoming albums. Kenny's newest album, "I Prefer the Moonlight," is scheduled for an early August release. The superstar duet will be released as a single in early June.



#### **COMING ATTRACTIONS!**

Kenny has been working on a new photography book for a December release. The subject of Kenny's talent this time will be celebrities such as Elizabeth Taylor, and Cary Grant.

The title of the book will be "Kenny Rogers", Your Friend & Mine." After the overwhelming response to his first book of photographs, we are all looking forward to this one. Watch for it at your local bookstores and more about it in the next newsletter.



#### **BRIEF NOTES:**

- Kenny will host the 1987 Country Music Association Awards (CMA) October 12th in Nashville. The show will be shown on CBS, check your newspaper for local airing time.
- Kenny would like to thank all the thoughtful fans who sent him Father's Day cards.
- A recent taping of Hee-Haw brought Kenny and Marianne to Nashville. We were delighted to have Kenny drop by the offices. His picture was taken that day in front of the building, as seen on the cover.
- Guess whose birthday it is August 21st? Happy Birthday Kenny!



Built in 1930 as a home for a railroad executive, this building now houses the corporate and fan club offices for Kenny Rogers Production. The building was completely renovated by 1984 for office use.

#### PEN PAL PEN PALS

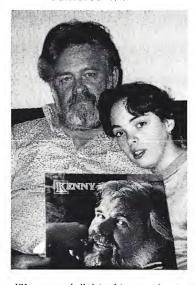
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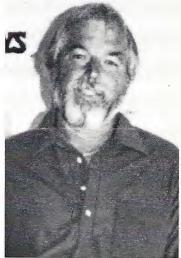
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We were delighted to receive two Kenny look-alike photos and wanted all of you to enjoy them too. John Oosterhof (left), writes that he is often asked for an autograph and people only notice he isn't Kenny when they realize he can't speak English. John writes to us from Holland.

Donna Bowling sent pictures of her husband Dannie (right). She writes saying people stop them wanting to know if he is Kenny or his twin brother.

Thank you both for the look-alikes!



Kenny Rogers Productions staff (top, left to right) Rowena Tauber, Mike Turner, Patti Harris, Keli Sims, Gerald Roy, Valerie Gregory, Shannon Waggoner, Anne Tagg, Rodney Gross.

All of us in Nashville would like to thank Jo Anne Cooper, Susan Alcott, Windi Corso, Michael Topete. Without their help the move to Nashville would not have gone as smoothly as it did.

Thank you.

#### LETTERS TO KENNY

Dear Kenny & Friends,

Hello! How's everyone? I want you to know that I received your jacket, t-shirts, and your hard cover book. Everything is real nice. Mom really loves your jacket. I spend hours reading and looking at Kenny Roger's America. Your pictures are so overwhelming, especially the waterfalls. I just love your new jacket! My best to you always, have a lovely summer. Thank you for reading my letter.

Your fan and friend forever, Kimberley Ann Arsenault

Dear Kimberley,

Thank you for your letter. It was so nice to hear that both you and your mother are enjoying the jacket, t-shirts and book.

We hope you have a wonderful summer also.

Kenny & staff



Carrie Plumlee wrote to tell us of an award that she had won. Thank you for letting us share your excitement with all of Kenny's fans.

#### Dear Kenny,

See what we did! I received a first place ribbon at a photo contest sponsored by Seminole Junior College in Seminole, OK. I took the photo at a concert in October of 1983 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, OK.

I thought you might like this.

Tell Marianne and Christopher hello.

Love and God Bless, Carrie Plumlee

Dear Carrie,

I am so glad you were able to win that award. Being a photographer myself it's nice to know that others appreciate your pictures.

Marianne and Christopher say hello.

Keep up the good work!

Kenny

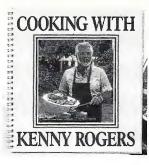
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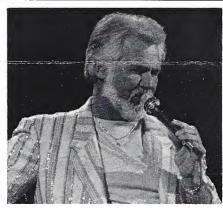
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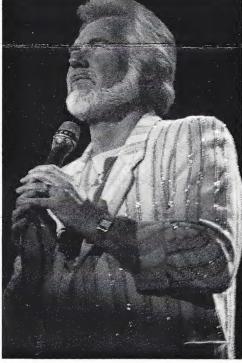
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#### **FAN CORNER**

Marilyn Albert from Shingle Springs, California sent pictures of Kenny at a Sacramento concert that her husband had taken. She writes "We had second row, floor seats (I got up at 3:30 to get in line!) and he was able to get some terrific shots." We agree Marilyn, thank you for sending them!



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Aug. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,	Valley Forge, PA Valley Forge Music Fair Show Times	Oct. 27 Tuesday	Cedar Rapids, IA Five Seasons Center Show Time 8:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 PM (Thursday & Friday) 5 & 9 PM (Saturday) 3 & 7 PM (Sunday)	Oct. 28 Wednesday	Peoria, IL Peoria Civic Center Show Time 8:00 PM
Aug. 24 Monday	Ocean City, MD Ocean City Convention Center Show Times	Oct. 29 Thursday	Dayton, OH University of Dayton Arena Show Time 8:00 PM
Aug OF	6:30 & 9:30 PM	Oct. 30 Friday	Nashville, TN Municipal Auditorium
Aug. 25 Tuesday	Wallingford, CT Oakdale Theatre Show Times	Oct. 31	Show Time 8:00 PM Birmingham, AL
Aug. 26	6:00 & 9:30 PM Mansfield, MA	Saturday	Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Wednesday	Great Woods Center for Performing Arts	Nov. 1	Show Time 8:00 PM Indianapolis, IN
Aug. 28	Show Time 7:30 PM Middletown, NY	Sunday .	Market Square Arena Show Time 7:00 PM
Friday	Orange County Fairgrounds Show Time 8:00 PM	Nov. 11, 12 Wednesday, Thursday	Milwaukee, WI Riverside Theatre Show Times 6 & 9 PM
Aug. 29 Saturday	Syracuse, NY New York State Fair Show Times 3:00 & 8:00 PM	Nov. 13, 14, 15 Friday, Saturday,	St. Louis, MO Fox Theatre
Aug. 30 Sunday	Scranton, PA Memorial Stadium Show Time 7:30 PM	Sunday	Show Times 7:30 PM (Friday) 5 & 9 PM (Saturday) 3 & 7 PM (Sunday)
Sept. 25, 26, 27 Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Highland Heights, OH Front Row Theatre Show Times TBA	Dec. 1 Tuesday	Binghamton, NY Broome County Arena Show Time 8:00 PM
Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4 Wednesday,	Westbury, NY Westbury Music Fair Show Times	Dec. 2 Wednesday	Providence, RI Providence Civic Center Show Time 8:00 PM
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Saturday, Sunday	Thursday & Friday) 5 & 9 PM (Saturday) 3 & 7 PM (Sunday)	Thursday	Hershey Park Arena Show Time 8:00 PM
Oct. 20 Tuesday	Omaha, NE Omaha Civic Auditorium Show Time 8:00 PM	Dec. 5 Saturday	Rochester, NY Community War Memorial Show Time 8:00 PM
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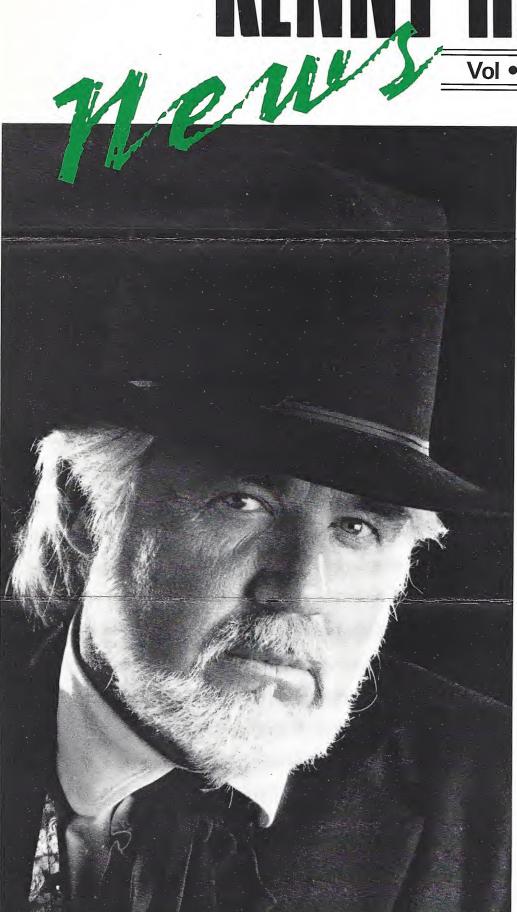
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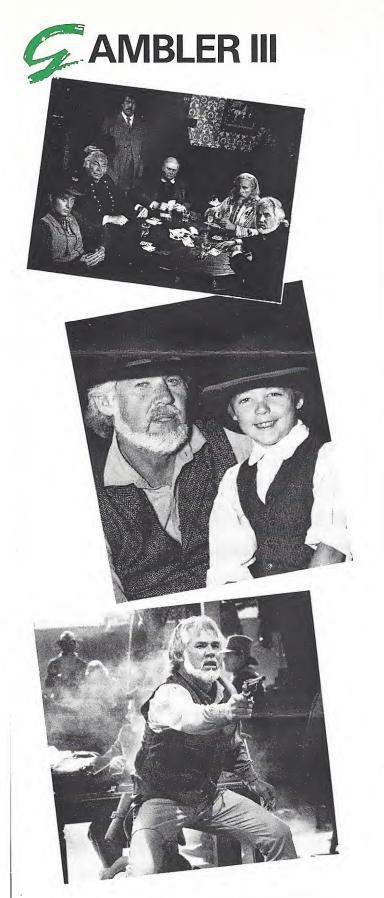
#### **HELLO**

The holiday season is almost here and with it a time to look back on the past year. I have many things to be grateful for and one of them is you. Whether I'm in concert, meeting you at special events or reading your letters, I'm always aware of the support you give to me and I want to thank you for that.

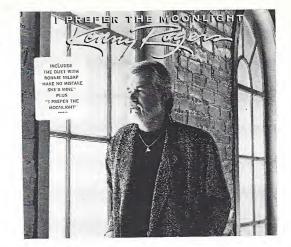
I look forward to the new year and hope all of you have a wonderful holiday season.

Best Wishes,



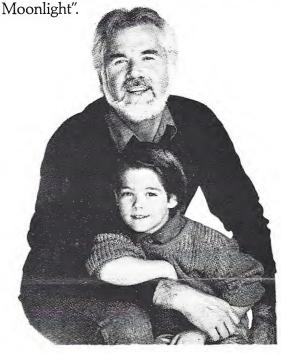


Kenny's new T.V. movie, GAMBLER III is scheduled to be shown on CBS Nov. 22nd and 24th. Filmed in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the movie depicts the actual events leading up to the battle of Wounded Knee. We're sure all of you are looking forward to seeing Kenny, so be sure to watch your paper for local airing time.



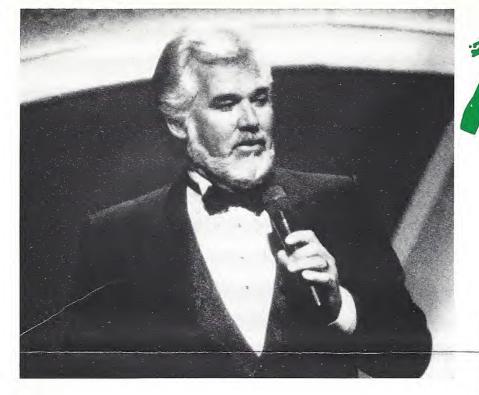
#### **NEW ALBUM**

"I Prefer the Moonlight", is the title of Kenny's newest album. The album was produced by Brown Bannister, Richard Landis, Rob Galbraith, Kyle Lehning, Larry Butler and Brent Maher. "Make No Mistake She's Mine", a duet with Ronnie Milsap, hit No. 1 on the country charts! The next single to be released will be "I Prefer the Manufield."



#### **SHOW AND SMELL?**

While preparing for his first day at his new school, Christopher decided to bring something a little unusual. Thinking his classmates would enjoy seeing a dead snake that was found in his yard, he placed the snake in a jar, as an interesting subject for "show and tell". When the first day finally came and Christopher opened the jar to check on the snake, much to his surprise, the smell was so powerful that he decided to spare the other kids the treat!



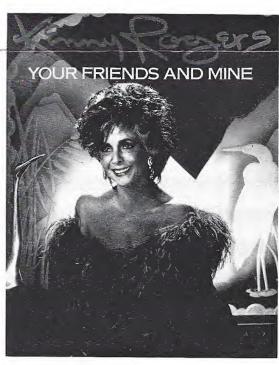
#### **ENNY'S NEW BOOK**

Entitled "Your Friends & Mine", Kenny's book contains 76 portrait photographs including Michael Jackson and Dolly Parton. A book party to celebrate Kenny's 2nd photography book with Little, Brown and Company was held on October 19th. Linda Gray and Bruce Boxleitner joined Kenny and over 200 other invited guests at the So Ho restaurant, Central Falls Restaurant and Gallery in New York.



On October 12th, Kenny had the honor of hosting the Country Music Association's annual awards show for a third time. Telecast live from the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville, the special is traditionally the most widely viewed country music program of the year. One of the highlights of this year's show was Kenny's magnetic performance with Ronnie Milsap of the duo's hit single, "Make No Mistake, She's Mine." Our on-the-scene reporter noted that a hush fell over the backstage crowd during this show-stopping number.





Kenny will appear at the following locations for book signings:

October 24th—HOUSTON Crown Books—noon till 2:00

October 26th—DALLAS
Taylors Bookstore, Beltline Store—noon till 2:00

November 14th—ST LOUIS Waldenbooks—noon till 2:00

November 20th—NEW ORLEANS Waldenbooks—noon till 2:00

December 12th—ATLANTA
Riches Department Store—noon till 2:00

#### **INSIDE AT KRP**

The staff at Kenny Rogers' Production has received numerous questions about who we are and what we do at the office. Each newsletter will feature a couple of staff members and their pictures. As you recall in our last newsletter we showed you a picture of the building, now let's go inside...



"Good Morning, Kenny Rogers' Production, this is Keli speaking". Keli is the bright and cheerful face that greets everyone that comes through the door. She receives phone calls, messages and mail for the staff. Originally from Dayton, Ohio; Keli came to Nashville to attend college and pursue a career in the music industry.

As you travel down the hall of the historic building, you will come to Rowena Buxton Tauber's office. Although Rowena keeps herself busy as office manager, she always finds time to get involved with something outside the office—in Los Angeles it was the zoo where she was a voluntary guide on weekends.



# briefnotes

With the upcoming T.V. movie Gambler III to air Nov. 22nd and 24th, there are several radio and T.V. specials that will feature Kenny. At presstime we did not have the actual air dates for some of these, so watch your local papers.

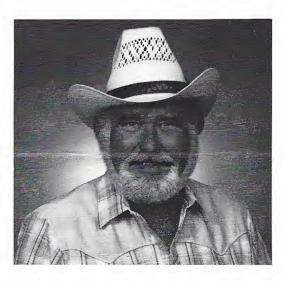
- The Dec. issue of Red Book will include an article about Kenny and family at Christmas time. It will feature several of Kenny's photographs.
- Look for Kenny on the Oprah Winfrey Show to be aired sometime in Mid-November.
- Because of the tremendous popularity of Kenny's photography exhibit in the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, the date that it was to conclude has been extended beyond Oct. 31st.
- On the cover of T.V. Guide the week of Nov. 21st will be a photograph taken by Kenny.
- CBS Morning Show the week of Nov. 16th will have Kenny and the other stars of Gambler III discussing the movie.
- Kenny received so many beautiful Birthday cards, he thanks all of you who sent one to him.

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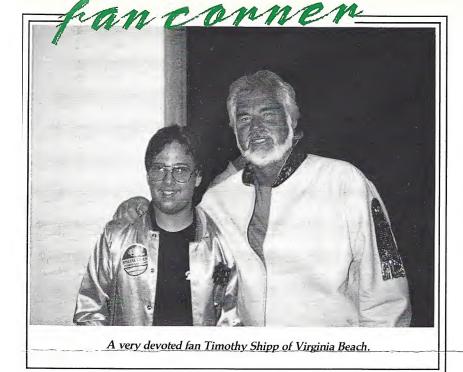


#### LOOK-A-LIKE

Willie Mae Sherouse writes from Ocala, Fl. to send us a picture of her husband Richard. What a great look-a-like!

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#### LETTERS TO KENNY

Dear Kenny,

Saw your concert in Chicago and I loved it. I am sending some pictures that I took. Also love your new record, "Make No Mistake She's Mine". Say "hi" to your beautiful wife and cute son. Hope to hear from you soon.

Love, Ann Nolte

Dear Ann,

I'm glad that you are enjoying "Make No Mistake She's Mine". It was a real pleasure to work with Ronnie Milsap.

Marianne and Christopher say hello too!

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Kenny

A 96-page, full-color spiral-bound cookbook featuring exciting menu planning ideas and delicious Dole recipes with commentary by Kenny Rogers.

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Bell County Expo Center Show Time: 8:00 PM

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New Orleans, LA/Lakefront Arena

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Utica, NY

Utica Memorial Auditorium

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Poughkeepsie, NY

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Worcester, MA/Centrum Show Time: 7:00 PM

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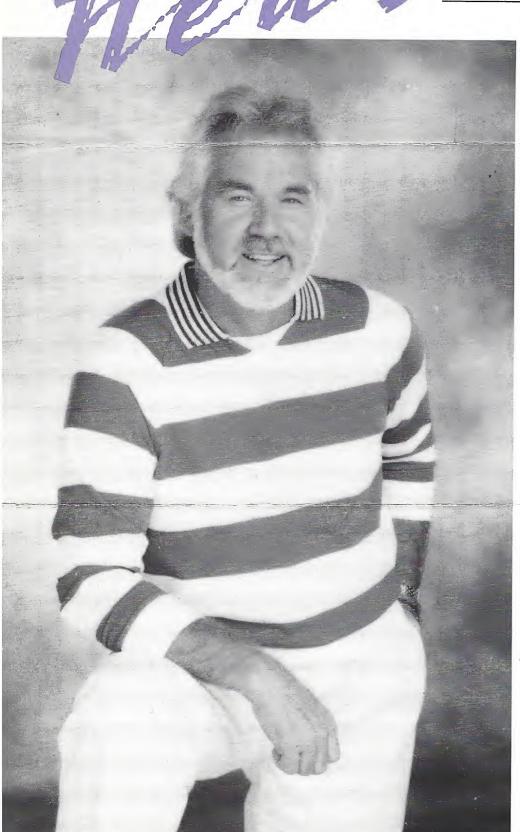
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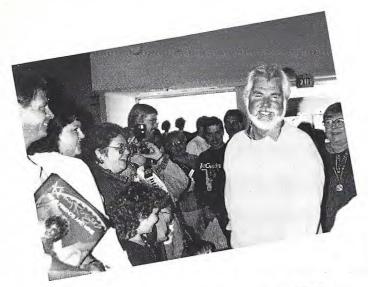
One of the great joys of springtime is the warmer weather, which I have to tell you, I love as much as anyone. Traveling and taking photographs as much as I do, it's always a pleasure when it's finally here.

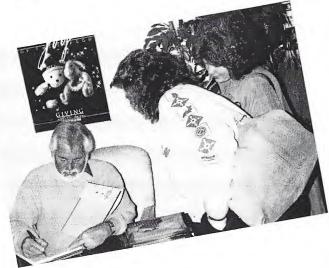
I want to thank all of you who watched Gambler III and also to thank those of you who have written to tell me how much you liked it.

Best Wishes,



#### **BOOK SIGNING**





"There he is," one woman squealed. She pointed excitedly over the sea of heads at Kenny, who smiled, nodded, and made his way through the crowd.

His appearance was to promote his new photography book, "Your Friends and Mine". This time it was a book signing at Rich's department store in Atlanta.

First in line were two fans, Sharman and Susan, who were no strangers to Kenny. Remembering them from the numerous concerts they've attended, he talked and joked with them while he signed their books.

As the line continued on, so did Kenny, signing and chatting briefly with each person. He was there for over two hours. By then everyone who wanted their book signed had done so.

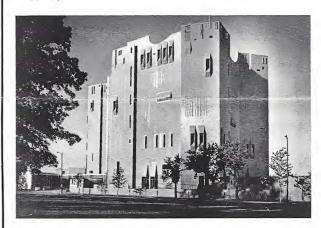
He left as quickly as he had arrived. But for his fans, the memories of that day will last a lifetime.





On March 13th, Kenny was in Los Angeles to accept his Peoples Choice Award. He was named Favorite Male Musical Performer. Other nominees included Randy Travis and Michael Jackson.

Kenny also won a Grammy Award along with Ronnie Milsap. "Make No Mistake, She's Mine" was voted Best Country Performance-Duet. Congratulations Kenny, from all of your fans!



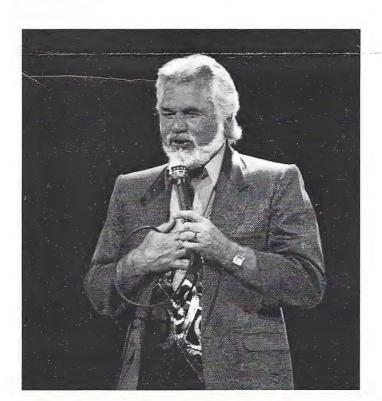
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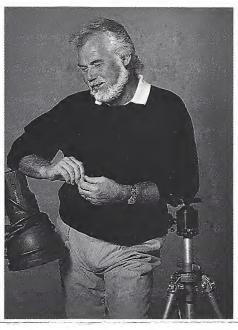
Photographs from Kenny's book, "Your Friends and Mine", will be on exhibit August 13th through September 12th at the Denver Art Museum. One of the major museums built in the U.S., it is also the largest between Kansas City and the West Coast. Located in downtown Denver's Civic Center, it is a unique arrangement of stacked galleries. Don't miss the opportunity to see Kenny's exhibition!



#### **NEW LABEL**

In January, Kenny announced that he had signed a new recording contract with Warner Brothers Records. The move represents something of a homecoming for Kenny, who previously recorded with the Reprise division of Warners while with the First Edition. It's too soon to say when the first album under the agreement will hit the stores, but it will be produced by Jim Ed Norman—the creative force behind the biggest hits of such artists as Anne Murray, Johnny Lee, Crystal Gayle, Michael Martin Murphey and Hank Williams, Jr.





#### **JCPENNEY**

J.C. Penney's Kenny Rogers Sportswear Collection has been so successful that the Fall line will be expanded to 18 styles. The Collection is currently available in 215 J.C. Penney stores across the country. By this Fall, more than 500 outlets will be carrying the line. Also featured in both the Spring and Fall catalogues, the Collection includes slacks, shorts and knit and woven shirts, all in rich cotton blends tailored to accommodate a wide assortment of fashion tastes and body types. Fall merchandise begins to arrive at the stores in July. Look for it in the men's collections department. If you don't see it, ask the department manager when the next shipment will arrive!



#### **INSIDE AT KRP**

In our last newsletter, we began a new feature designed to introduce you to the staff at Kenny Rogers Productions. This time, we venture a little farther down the hall to meet two more of the friendly faces at the Nashville office.



Mike Turner came to Nashville from his home in Aurora, Kentucky, to pursue a career in real estate. But now he is the Media Buyer at KRP. This means he spends a lot of time on the phone with your local radio stations, making sure that you know when Kenny is appearing in your area.

A little farther down the hall from Mike's office, you'll find someone else who spends a lot of time on the phone: Valerie Gregory. She is the company's Travel Manager, and it's her job to see that all the guys on the road get to the next concert on time. One of only two native Nashvillians in the organization, Valerie spends most of her spare time decorating the new house she just moved into with her husband. Sorry guys!



# bniefnotes

Kenny and Dolly appeared the 19th of April in concert to benefit victims of Retinitis Pigmatosa in New York City.

■ Kenny was a guest on Hee-Haw's 20th Anniversary Celebration Show. He sang his latest release, "The Factory". The show was a look back at 20 years of country music.

The Leslie Muth Gallery in Houston, Texas, was the site for Kenny's photography exhibit. Look for it at the Denver Art Museum—August 13th through September 12th.

Kenny received an autographed photo (opposite left) from a special friend. It read "Kenny. Much Love, Thanks, Dolly."

Kenny is working on Christmas concerts for Nov. and Dec. Look for more news about them in the next newsletter.

Christopher and Kenny taped more Dole commercials in March. Thank you for all your letters about how much you enjoy them.

APPY EASTER

Christopher's class was recently asked what they are most thankful for. Some of the children began to name different items such as money and sunshine. After a few minutes thought, Christopher decided what he was most grateful for, Christ dying for us on the cross.

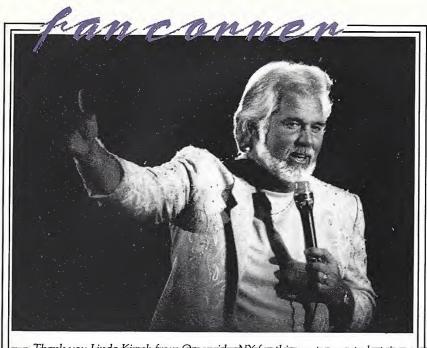
Thank you Christopher for this seasonal reflection. HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



Christopher loves field trips. One of the places that his class has gone is to his teacher's house. Marianne drove a van with Christopher and six other children to the Christmas outing. They enjoyed eating refreshments and singing caroles. But the highlight of the day was a visit from Santa Claus!

Another field trip was a visit to Christopher's house, where the class saw a collection of precious stones. Ellen Adams, Marianne's mother, told them all about her collection of various gems, such as quartz and opals. They learned how gems are formed and mined, and what makes them more valuable than other stones.

Christopher's birthday was December 4th. To celebrate, he was able to spend some time with his friends and roller skate, his favorite sport.



Thank you Linda Kirsch from Oceanside, NY for this great concert photo!

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> Margarite Thompson Indianapolis, IN

> > Terry Stanley Cleveland, TN

Kim Trippet Vermillion, Ohio

#### LETTERS TO KENNY

Many of you have written to us asking which of Kenny's albums are available on Compact Disc. A little research revealed that all of his RCA titles (consult your Fan Club Discography), as well as his Greatest Hits collections have been released on CD. Your local record store should be able to get them for you.

Hi Kenny!

I'm a swedish girl and I've been your fan about 10 years. I

think you are a great singer.

I have received the things from the Fan Club and I really love them. I'm sending a sketch of you that I have drawn. I hope you

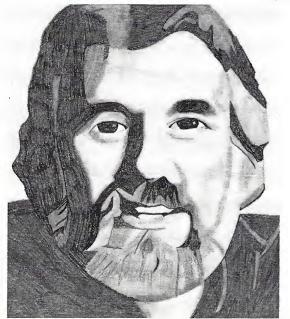
Your fan and friend forever,

Pia Saikkonen, Sweden

Dear Pia,

Thank you for your letter and for the sketch. I enjoyed it very

Kenny



#### **BOOKS**

Fill out the order form below to send for Kenny's two photography books. "America"—a book of more than 100 black and white photographs of natural and urban landscapes was Kenny's first

His latest, "Your Friends & Mine", includes 76 celebrity portraits.

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#### **RENEWALS**

Some renewal notices were sent by mistake in the last newsletter to some subscribers who were not yet due for renewal. We apologize for this; the situation has been corrected.

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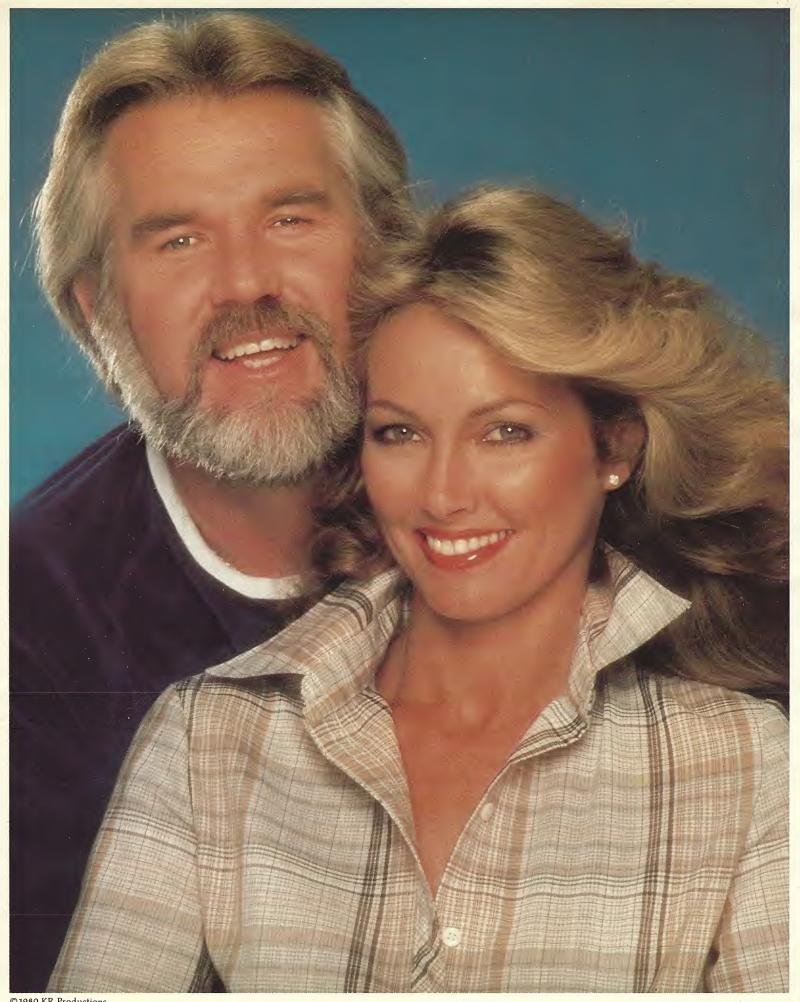
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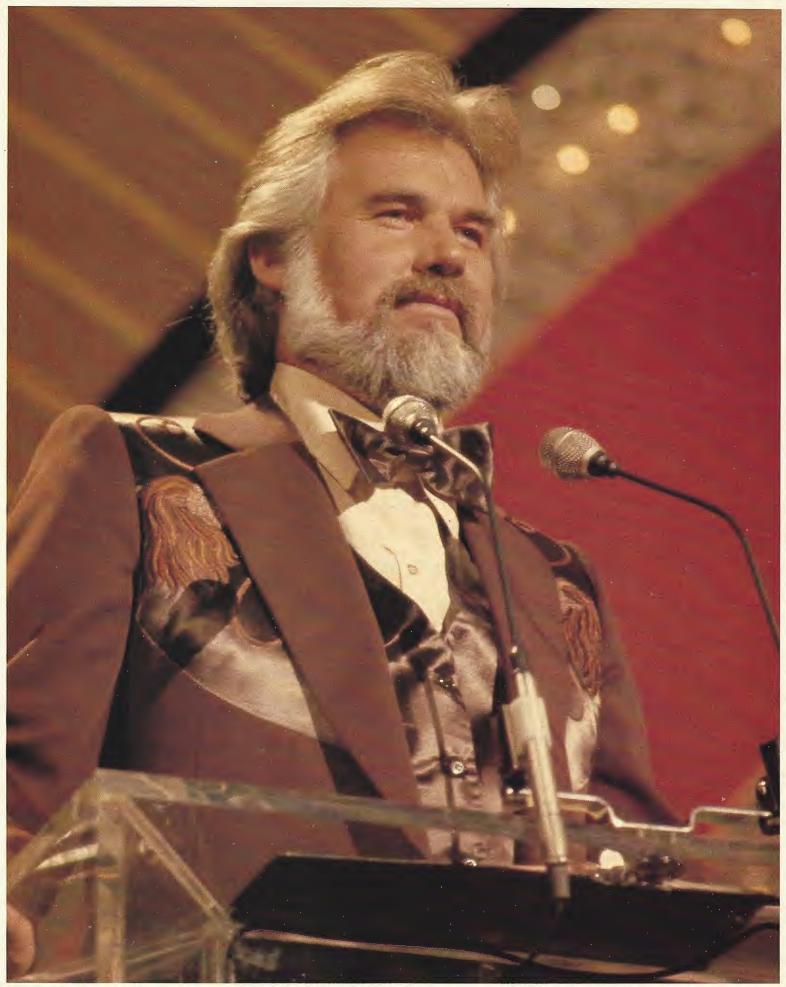
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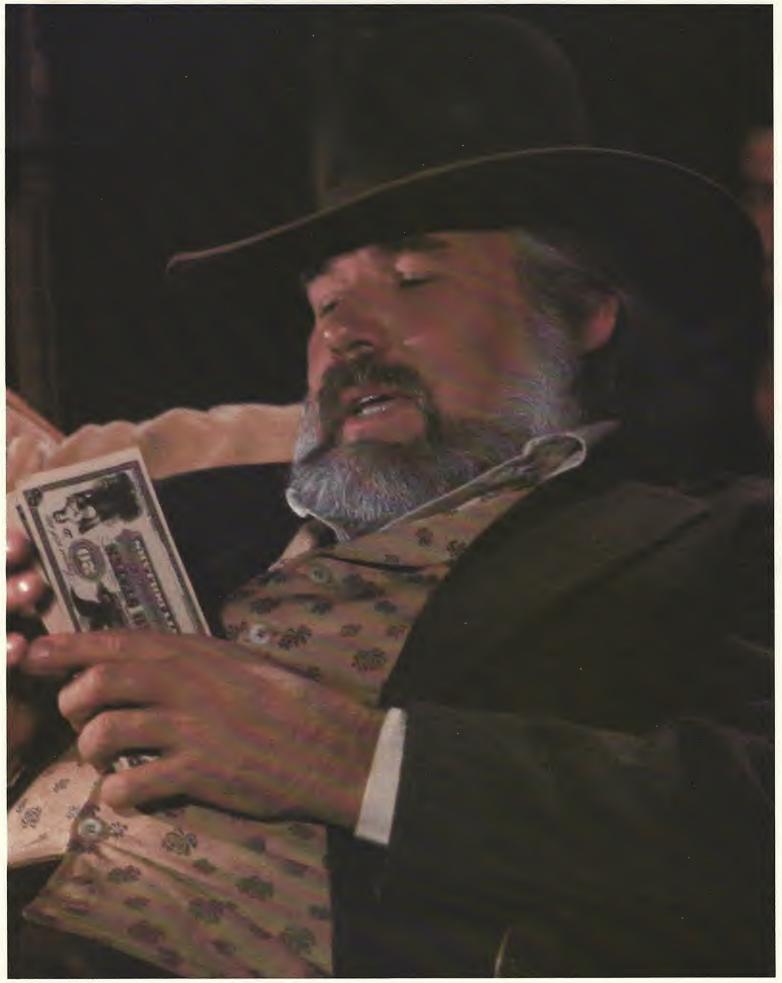


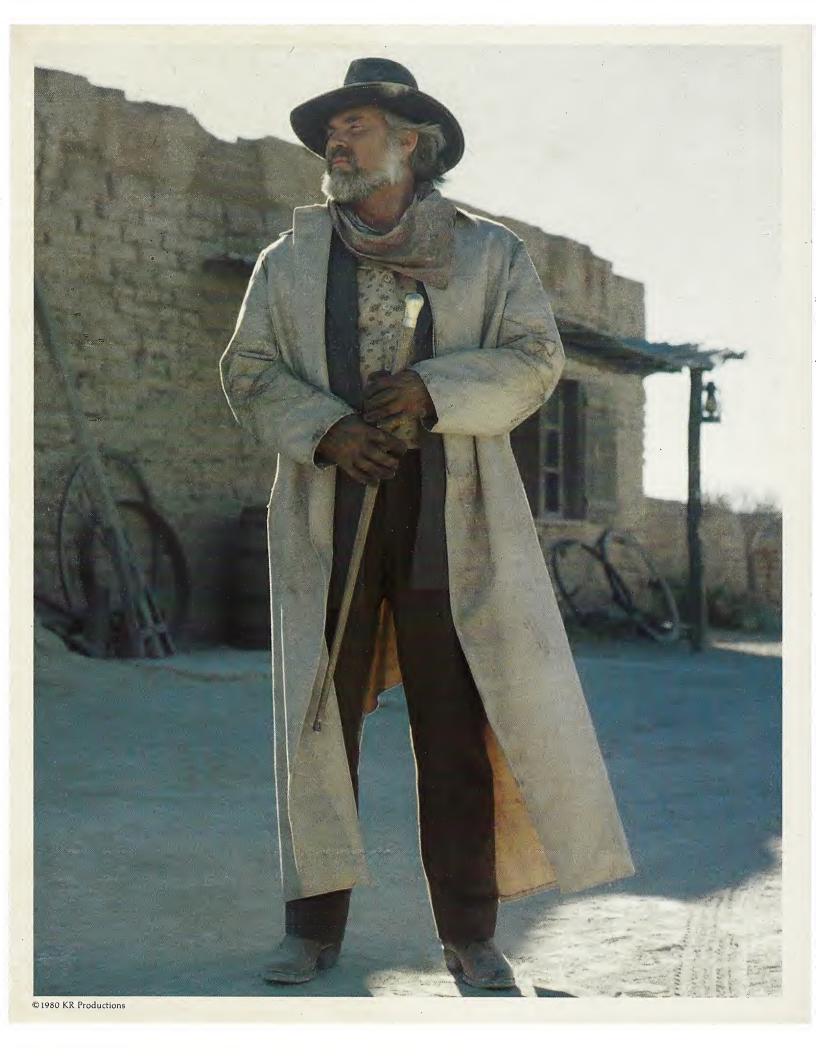






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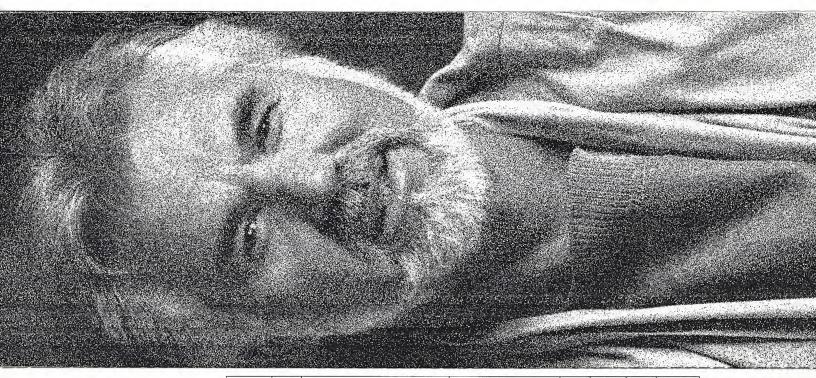


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									\$35.00	\$2.25	\$37.25	
	SJ.	CONCERT TOUR BOOK							\$ 7.00		\$ 7.00	

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This exciting tour book with photos & fou'll want your own tour book ights is a must for any Kenny fan. 14" \$10.00 (not shown)



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	D.	LOGO T-SHIRT (Adult Sizes)	S M L XL	\$ 8.00	\$1.75	\$ 9.75	
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### If you think everyone is looking at you...

### you're probably right

That's what happens when you feel terrific, people notice. And you'll feel great wearing Kenny's new items. So next time when you have the feeling everyone is staring? They are.



#### For your next appearance

A. This sweatshirt is so comfortable you'll want to live in it. Made of easy care poly-cotton fleece, white with green logo on front. Men and Women ADULT SIZES S,M,L,XL \$15.00

#### This jacket sets the stage for a great look

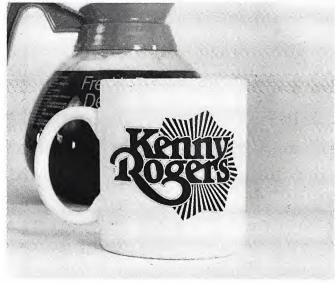
**B.** Silver nylon finish, with black accent logo (silkscreened on back and front). Rainbow knit collar, cuffs and waistband in grey/white/black. Light weight lining with snap front closure. Men and Women ADULT SIZES XS,S,M,L,XL,XXL \$35.00

#### Introducing one of our newest items

C. You'll enjoy your favorite beverage in this generous 11 oz. ceramic mug, white with green logo. \$5.75









#### Signature Club Jacket

NEW! Exclusive Satin Jacket designed especially for Special Friends and signed with Kenny's signature. Fan Club colors of beige nylon satin with rust accent. Light weight lining, rib knit collar, cuffs and waistband. Baseball style jacket has roomy ragian sleeves, slash pockets and snap front closing. Machine washable. DO NOT DRY

Unisex adult sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL. \$32.00

#### SD. Collector's Tour Shirts

Nostalgia time for Special Friends! These high-quality t-shirts are the remaining stock from Kenny's exciting concert tours of the last several years. All are dated with the year and were sold at the concerts for prices ranging \$10 and up. Special Friends is able to offer them at this special price, but SORRY! No choice of date or style. Give us your size and leave the rest up to our existing stock. While supplies last . . .

Adult size: S, M, L, XL.

\$4.00

#### Kid's U.S. Tour Shirt

For Kenny's Special Kids! Navy 50-50 polyester/cotton t-shirt imprinted with U.S. Tour Logo. Kid's size: S(3-6), M(8-10), L(12-14). Regularly \$8.00. Special Friends price:

\$3.00



#### SB. **Special Friends Member T-Shirt**

Distinctive, high quality 50-50 cotton/polyester t-shirt designed for Special Friends Members and available only through the fan club. Bone color with brown accent.

Adult sizes: S, M, L, XL.



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#### SF. Logo Belt Buckle

Handsome, 3" cast-metal buckle in antique, gold-tone finish. Regularly \$5.00. Special Friends price:

I'm A Special

**Friend Button** 

This 21/4" round button with safety

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\$2.00

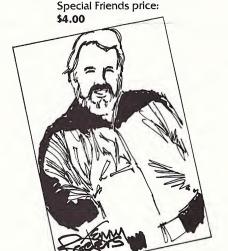
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#### **Kenny Rogers Cap**

Royal blue with white. One size, adjustable. Regular price: \$7.00. Special Friends price:

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This pastel blue "Sweet Music

Man" night shirt once sold for

\$10.00. Pre-shrunk 50-50

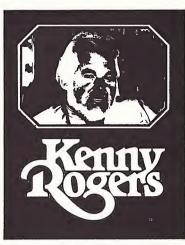
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Ladies sizes: S, M, L, XL.

#### SH. Poster

"Decorate Your Life" with this full color poster of Kenny. High quality, heavy stock 23" x 34". Originally sold for \$5.00. Fan Club price: \$2.00

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#### **Concert Tour Book**

This is the memorable souvenir book sold at Kenny's concerts. 32 full color pages. 11" x 14". The best concert book yet! Price includes postage and handling.

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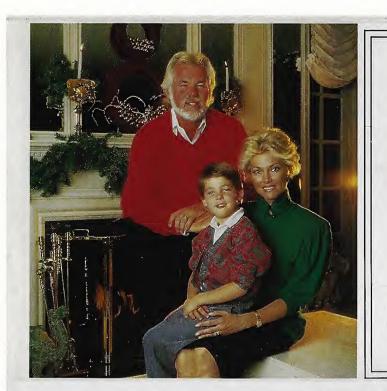
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	SC.	I'M A SPECIAL FRIEND BUTTON		\$ 1.00	\$ .25	\$ 1.25				
	SD.	COLLECTOR'S TOUR SHIRT	S M L XL	\$ 4.00	\$1.75	\$ 5.75				
	SE.	KENNY NIGHT SHIRT (Ladies sizes)	S M L	\$ 4.00	\$1.75	\$ 5.75				
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	SG.	KENNY ROGERS CAP		\$ 3.00	\$ 1.25	\$ 4.25				
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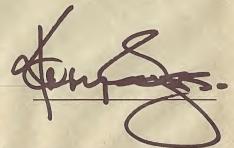
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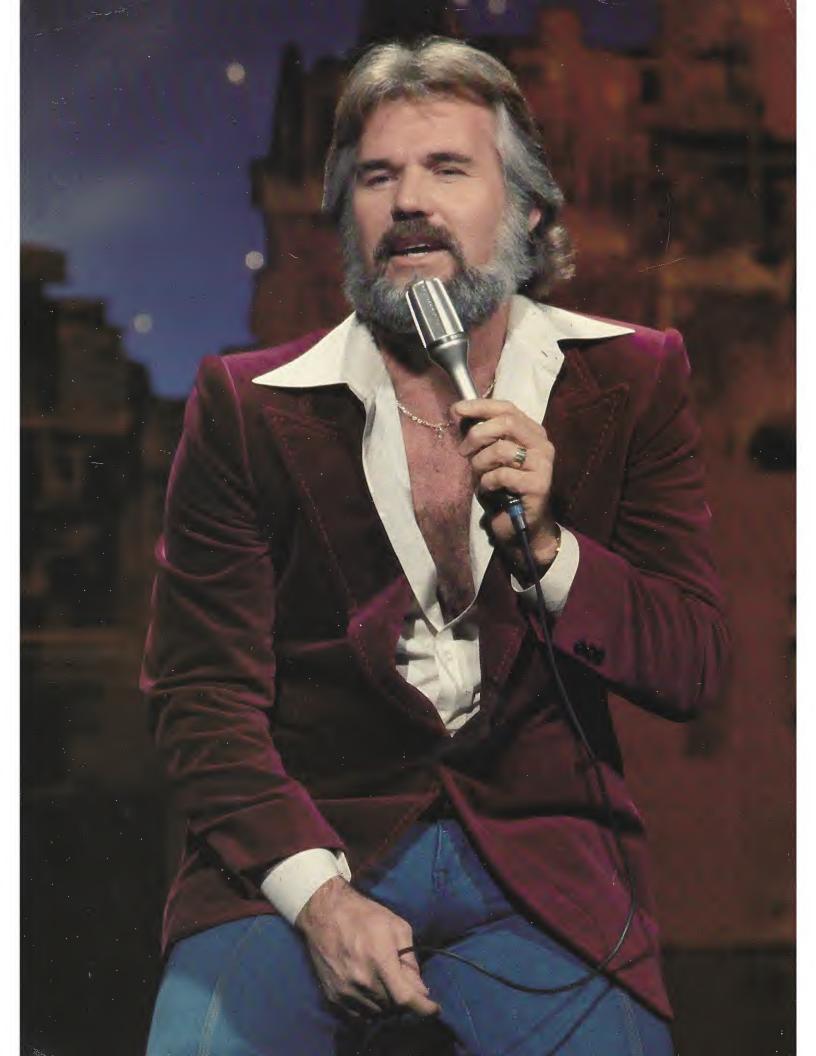


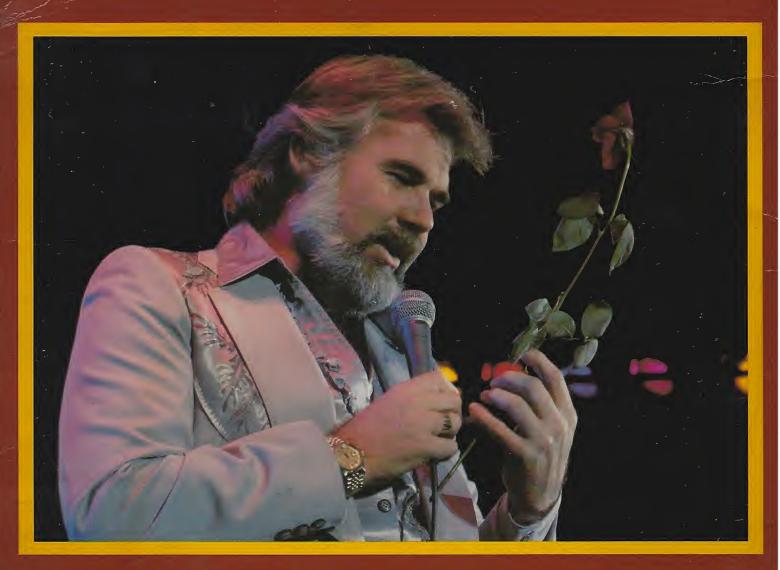




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